Riots Flare in Jakarta as Students Are Mourned

Witnesses said the latest violence broke out after a

huge but mostly peaceful memorial service for the dead students at Trisakti University, the site of the

shootings on Tuesday.

High-profile opposition leaders, including Mega-

wati Sukarpoputri, the daughter of Sukarpo, the found-

are a people who love peace," Mrs. Megawati said.

Washington calls for political reform. Page 5.

ing president of Indonesia, joined the mourners.

'But what we want most is our right to freedom.'

In Berlin, Clinton Sees Symbol of **EU Unity**

President Praises Kohl And Calls for Support Of 'Russian Revolution'

BERLIN - President Bill Clinton

called on the European Union on Wednesday to open up to Turkey and declared that Europe must support Russia on its road to reform.

The president also offered a glowing endorsement of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who is battling to remain in power. In what aides billed as a major foreign-policy address from the Schauspielhaus, a theater in the former East Berlin, Mr. Clinton saluted Mr. Kohl's economic program as a "far-sighted. courageous course."

In a speech here as part of ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the Berlin airlift, Mr. Clinton described the reunited Berlin as "a symbol of what all Europe is trying to become."

The president said that for European unity to work, Russia must become fully democratic. "We have an enormous stake in their success," he said. "Russia is literally recreating itself. We must support this Russian revolution."

Mr. Clinton also called on the EU to open up to Turkey as it has to Eastern European states.

The EU has refused to put Turkey on a list of possible candidates for membership. Germany has been especially cautious because of the large number of

Turkish immigrants on its territory.
Mr. Clinton was earlier greeted with full military pomp at Sans Souci Palace, the former summer home of Frederick the Great, who signed the first friendship treaty with the new United States in the early 1780s.

Mr. Clinton warned that despite the progress Europe had made, "many challenges remain," referring directly to the "fragile peace" in Bosnia and the ethnic strife in the Serbian province of

"And so, my friends, 1998 no less than 1989 demands our boldness, our will and our unity, to finish the work we have started," he said, referring to the ear the Berlin Wali Ieli

Mr. Clinton gave Mr. Kohl, who is in the midst of a difficult re-election campaign, a strong vote of support when he said Germans would eventually realize that he is "on the right side of his-

He praised Mr. Kohl for advocating economic and monetary union in Europe in the nine years since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

"This magic moment did not simply arrive, it was made and made largely by the vision and determined leadership of Germany and its chancellor," Mr. Clin-

He said that while Germans may not fully realize what Mr. Kohl had accomplished, "you are clearly on the right side of history.

'America honors your vision and ichievement and is proud to march with you into the new millennium," Mr.

Mr. Kohl is running for re-election in September for a four-year term that

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tiations with the Palestinians on the future of the West Bank. There was no

word of progress, but lower-level of-

ficials kept talking.

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Albright and Netanyahu Start Key Talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel met for 90 minutes Wednesday in an effort to rescue negonesday in an effort to rescue negonesday in the Palestinians on the said it would be "premature" to

ord of progress, but lower-level of-cials kept talking.

Mrs. Albright made no statement

Netanyahu or whether they made pro-gress. "We'll see if they meet again,"
he said.

Legislators Attack EU Deal on Banker

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President Bill Clinton and Chancellor Helmut Kohl listening to national anthems Wednesday during a ceremony at Neues Palace in Potsdam.

JAKARTA - Rage over the killings of six students

exploded into fresh violence Wednesday as thousands

rampaged across Jakarta. Clashes with Indonesian

security forces left at least one dead, but some reports

As unrest flared across the capital and several major

A member of the Indonesian delegation refused to

cities. President Suharto was reported to have cut short

a visit to Egypt with plans to refurn home on Thursday,

confirm the report, saying only, "It depends on the

from witnesses put the toll at 10.

an Egyptian official in Cairo said.

Ignoring Wide Criticism, **India Conducts More Tests**

Pakistan Wants Crackdown

Scale of World's Reply to Guide Islamabad's Atomic Plans

By Stephen Kinzer
New York Times Service

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Pakistani leaders demanded Wednesday that the United States and other world powers act decisively to isolate India after its five nuclear tests this week. They indicated that the forcefulness of the world's response would shape their decision on whether to detonate nuclear bombs of their own.

Cabinet ministers and senior opposition figures joined in asserting that the nuclear tests pose a crucial chal-lenge to the world community, which they believe has long favored India in its decades-old rivalry with Pakistan.

They want to see india turned into a pariah state like Iraq, effectively expelled from the community of lawabiding nations.

If foreign powers do not react strongly enough, officials suggested in interviews and speeches, Pakistan may follow India's example and become a declared and active nuclear power.

That could further destabilize what has suddenly become the world's newest zone of atomic confrontation.

"It depends on how effectively the United States, Japan and other actors deal with this whole scenario," Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub Khan said in an interview. "This has upset the whole geopolitical and strategic structure of the Indian Subcontinent and all of South Asia. Just a rebuke and a couple of weeks of posturing is

not going to be enough."

Mr. Khan said the first test of the how seriously the world will react would come this weekend at the Group of Eight summit meeting in Britain, at which leaders of the most powerful industrial democracies will discuss what measures to take against India.

"We will see there," he said. 'This will reveal the situation.'

In a speech to the Senate before being interviewed, Mr. Khan asserted that India's nuclear tests show "he-

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After the memorial service, rioters set fire to a

garbage truck, smashed traffic lights and pulled out

bushes lining a highway adjacent to the college. Po-

licemen stationed on an overhead bridge responded by

security forces patrolled the streets, and Vice President

students on Mr. Suharto's behalf, "With a sincere heart,

we also wish to express our deepest condolences to the

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By evening an uneasy calm had fallen on the city as

Mr. Habibie voiced regret to the families of the dead

firing volleys of shots into the air.

B. J. Habibie called for restraint.

Nuclear Series Now Complete, New Delhi Says

By Kenneth J. Cooper Washington Post Service

NEW DELHI --- India on Wednesday conducted two more underground nuclear tests, disregarding international condemnation of its detonation of three nuclear devices Monday at the same site near the border with Pakistan.

Indian officials denied that the new tests were meant as a signal of defiance to world opinion, but Pramed Mahajan, an aide to Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, sent a more nationalistic message for domestic consumption during a briefing with Indian reporters.

This says we will do what we want to do. We don't bother about threats, he said, adding: "The news of the day is, 'India Defies World Opinion."

The coalition government of Prime Minister Vajpayee said that the additional tests were conducted to "generate additional data for improved computer simulation" of different weapon designs and to enable the nation's scientists to perform atomic experiments that do not create an ongoing chain

This completes the planned series of tests," the government said in a statement released with considerably less fanfare than Mr. Vajpayee's announcement of Monday's testing at a news conference.

The two explosions, at about noon at the Pokaran testing site about 330 miles (530 kilometers) southwest of the capital, were said to have released a force less than a 1,000 tons of TNT. Brajesh Mishra, Mr. Vajpayee's top aide, described the devices detonated as "low yield." No radioactivity was released into the atmosphere, according to the government statement.

Mr. Mishra said in an interview that the latest tests were scheduled a month ago at the same time as those conducted Monday and were not intended as a rebuff to international criticism, including that of President Bill Clinton.

"It is not a question of defiance," Mr. Mishra said. "None at all."

The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, or BJP, that leads Mr. Vajpayee's coalition government had promised in recent political campaigns to "exercise the option to induct nuclear weapons," but its decision to conduct India's first nuclear tests since 1974 has stunned international leaders who hoped

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ing hit with tear gas Wednesday in Jakarta, left. President Suharto, above, was reported to have decided to cut short a visit to Cairo on Wednesday after violent protests shook Jakarta.

U.S. Penalties On India Get Scant Support

By Brian Knowlton International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton formally ordered broad sanctions against India on Wednesday and other countries joined him in condemning two new nuclear tests by New Delhi that came as the dust of diplomatic outrage was still settling from three tests earlier in the week.

"It is imperative that we make clear our categorical opposition," Mr. Clinton said during a visit to Germany. "We will ask other countries to do the

But even as Japan announced sanc-tions of its own, other major powers including Britain, France and Russia said they would not go along.

Mr. Clinton's host, Chancellor
Helmut Kohl, said that the nuclear tests

were "wrong" but that any decision on German sanctions would require study. Britain and Japan have said they will raise the issue at the Group of Seven economic summit meeting that opens

Friday in Birmingham, England.
With concerns rising that Pakistan might reply to the Indian tests with nuclear tests of its own, Mr. Clinton sent the deputy secretary of state. Strobe Talbott, to Islamabad on a mission of

"The president had a very constructive discussion with the prime minister of Pakistan and as a result of that discussion a mission is going to be sent to Pakistan," the State Department spokesman, James Rubin, announced. The mission will include General Anthony Zinni, who commands U.S. forces in the Middle East and southwest

he would grant the Justice Department "only one year to solve everything" concerning the Marcos wealth. Given the slow pace of the Filipino court system, the Meanwhile, with the president in Europe, his administration came under sharp attack in Congress for its Asian

Newt Gingrich, the House speaker.

Indonesian Unrest Sends Chill Across Asia Markets

By Philip Segal sternational Herald Tribuni

HONG KONG - Unsettled by riots in Indonesia, rising interest rates and a weakening Japanese yen, Asian stock and currency markets turned in one of their worst days of 1998 on Wednesday, reserving especially harsh treatment for companies controlled by the children of President Suharto of Indonesia.

The 6.6 percent plunge in the Indonesian stock market, as well as a 6.3 percent fall in the value of the rupiah, came after Indonesian troops opened fire on anti-Suharto demonstrators on Tuesday, killing six of them. The persistent violence in Indonesia has continued to stoke fears of a collapse of the country's social fabric, after the eco-

nomic meltdown that has taken place over the last 10 months. Just across the water from Jakarta, stocks in Singapore took a beating, as the benchmark Straits Times Index fell by 4.86 percent, or 68.07 points, to

"People are linking Singapore's fate very much to that of Indonesia," said the head of sales at a Singapore brokerage. "It wouldn't surprise me if worstcase scenarios are running through investors' minds: hundreds or possibly thousands of boat people landing in

Singapore."
Shares in companies controlled by the children of President Suharto were savaged. Birnantara Citra, a conglomerate controlled by one of Mr. Suharto's sons, fell by 16.6 percent. PT Citra

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Yen	134.155	133.95
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Marga Nusphala, a toll-road operator controlled by Mr. Suharto's oldest daughter, who is also a member of his cabinet, fell by 14.3 percent on Wed-

On Wednesday in Jakarta, protesters pulled Timor cars, produced by a com-pany owned by President Suharto's

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Getting Teenagers to Listen

Marcos Family Big Winners in Philippine Elections Mr. Estrada, once a supporter of the Marcos government, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that

By Don Kirk International Herald Tribune

behind to work on the various issues.
He said it would be "premature" to
say whether Mrs. Albright would
have a second round of talks with Mr.

The European Parliament con-

firmed the executive council of the

European Central Bank, including its president, Wirn Duisenberg, on Wed-

nesday. But members criticized Euro-pean leaders for the deal under which Mr. Duisenberg is to resign after four

years, passing an amendment that seeks to delay his exit. Page 13.

MANILA - For the family of the late President Ferdinand Marcos, election day has emerged as a turning point in its drive for renewed power and respectability in the Philippines, and aides are now openly talking of a possible presidential pardon for his widow, Imelda.

On Wednesday, two Marcos children celebrated strong victories in the local and regional voting Monday, and the presumed next president, Joseph Estrada, confirmed that he would not renew the national commission investigating allegations of Marcos graft but would transfer its powers to the federal Justice Department. The Presidential Commission on Good Government

has been seeking for the last 12 years to recover what it estimates to be at least \$1.5 billion allegedly diverted to family use from government funds during Mr. Marcos's 20-year presidency, which ended in 1986.

The commission, which was renewed once by the current president, Fidel Ramos, has been widely criticized for ineffectiveness. It will expire this summer unless it is renewed by the new president.

Commission on Good Government left no doubt that he believes she dropped out of the presidential race

wealth may never be fully answered.

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time limit means that questions about the Marcos

Mrs. Marcos was ecstatic, but the head of the

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PAGE TWO

It's Not All Society's Fault / Nurses in Omaha Try a Different Approach

Getting Teenagers to Listen to What's Best for Them

By Barbara Vobeida

MAHA, Nebraska — Zelia Lichtas leans across the kitchen table, scooting closer and closer until she is, literally in the face of Melissa Dismang, 16 years old and 22 weeks pregnant.

Miss Dismang yawns. She fidgets. She tries to dodge the questions of this nettlesome visitor. But there is no escaping Miss Lichtas, "Have you looked for a job?" Miss Lichtas asks.

"I couldn't get a ride to the pee test," Miss Dismang answers, a clipped reference to the drug test at a grocery store where she applied to

'But you have to follow up," Miss Lichtas says. "How many weeks along are you?" The girl says she does not know.

You should know. Miss Lichtas is undeterred. Over the next hour she pushes Miss Dismang to give up her junk food habits, work on her high school degree, get more exercise and begin taking responsibility for the baby she is carrying.

Miss Lichtas is a nurse whose job is to visit disadvantaged teenage mothers in their homes, and the program she works for has accomplished something highly extraordinary among those trying to reduce teenage pregnancy: It has succeeded in getting young women to have fewer

In a field littered with well-financed efforts that have proven largely unsuccessful, this one has reduced by a third the percentage of women who have a second child while they are still young. Among the poorest mothers, second births went down 43 percent. Even in a period when, nationally, the teenage birth rate has been ebbing after a decade-long rise, these statistics

HAT IS different is that the nurses who carry out the work have an agenda and their message is unambiguous: Finishing school is better, breast-feeding is better, finding a good job is better, avoiding another pregnancy is better. The best way to achieve that, they believe, is to target young mothers such as Miss Dismang before she has her first baby and stick with her for several years. Throughout, the nurses do not besitate to tell

the teenagers what they believe is best for them. That is a fundamental departure from the thinking that has shaped the nation's social programs for most of the last half-century. Growing out of the nation's War on Poverty in the 1960s,

social services have been steeped in the philosophy of that era: People are poor not because of character flaws but because of economic, social and racial barriers that have denied them opportunities to advance.

Guided by that thinking, social workers avoided language that could appear to be imparting middle-class values to the disadvantaged. It was seen as inappropriate, even dangerous, for social workers to tell young mothers whether or when to have another child or to get a

The new approach is not meant to suggest that character flaws are causing people to be poor but simply to help people see that their own personal

choices affect their fate. Researchers call the nurses' approach "directive" -- some say "authoritative" or "paternalistic." Whatever the label, the philosophy behind it is fast gaining currency among political and government leaders, and it is beginning to emerge in social policy across the United

"T WAS A driving force behind the 1996 welfare bill, which gave recipients an ultimatum: Work is good for you. Find a job or lose your benefits.

States also are cutting benefits if welfare parents do not immunize their children or make

them attend school regularly. Deadbeat parents are being forced to pay child support in beefed-up collection efforts across the country. Some emergency shelters are refusing to take in homeless adults unless they abstain from drugs and follow strict routines.

"A consensus is growing," said Douglas Be-sharov, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, "that sometimes you just have to say no. Some young people want a clear message about what they should be doing."

The difference between the traditional approach and the more directive one is sometimes subtle. The old strategy has been to say. "If you want to avoid a second baby, here's a condom and how to use it." The directive approach says, "You shouldn't have another baby and here are

Advocates for the poor and academics on the left do not reject this approach outright, but they worry that stiffer mandates and expectations are not always accompanied by greater opportunities. Welfare recipients may be required to work, but what if there are no jobs in the inner

In Omaha, the visiting nurses do not wield any sticks — they cannot cancel welfare checks, for



Zelia Lichtas, left, a registered nurse, checking on a new mother, Maria Mosqueda, 18, and her son in the successful Nebraska program.

example, if a teenager does not cooperate. The mothers join voluntarily and can drop out any time. So the nurses feel they must be careful not to cross the line into lecturing and berating. But neither do they equivocate.

"If you talk to the nurses, they say, 'I know where I want to get with this young woman," said David Olds, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado who developed the program in Elmira, New York, 20 years ago. "They are very clear about what they want to ac-

The Omaha program - known as Prenatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation - is open to low-income teenagers who are pregnant with their first child. Health clinics, social workers or schools refer the girls to the program, which is administered by Creighton University and supported by several local child health clinics with

Although the program has been operating in Omaha for only six months, it is a careful rep-lication of the model that Mr. Olds established in New York and has since spread to Memphis, Denver and numerous other communities. The program has been rigorously studied

since its inception. Research published last year in the Journal of the American Medical Association, which fol-

lowed participating families for 15 years, found that in addition to lowering subsequent births, the program reduced the verified cases of child abuse by 79 percent, drug and alcohol problems by 44 percent and arrests among the mothers by 69 percent. The reduction in subsequent births stood out

particularly because three-quarters of the girls in one of the nation's most well-funded programs -- New Chance -- had become pregnant again in just a few years.

U.S. Reportedly Backed U.K. Mercenaries in Africa

Facing Probe, migrants G A Governor **Steps Down** In Mexico

New York Times Service CUERNAVACA, Mexico - A state governor who faced growing citizen protests over the blatant local activities of kidnapping gangs and drug traffickers has announced that he is stepping down

The governor of Morelos, Jorge Carrillo Olea, a retired general who is a prominent member of President Emesto Zedillo's governing party, made his announcement Tuesday in a radio broad-

Mr. Carrillo had resisted calls for his resignation for months, and opposition lawmakers were preparing to open pub. lic investigative hearings on his gry emorship this week.

"Today, the last day of my governorship, I want to help foster peace and tranquillity by presenting my request for a leave of absence, Mr. Car. rillo said in the broadcast from Cherna. vaca, the state capital, just south of

Officials said that the leave would be permanent and that Mr. Carrillo would relinquish powers when the Morelos Congress formally accepted his request perhaps as early as Wednesday.

In an exercise that will mark a new test of Mexico's emerging democracy, the 30-seat local Congress, which is controlled by 18 opposition deputies, has 30 days to select Mr. Carrillo's Under the traditional system that op-

erated in Mexico until recently, state governors who ran into trouble were relieved of their duties by the country's president, who also handpicked their replacements.

Corruption charges dogged Mr. Carrillo for more than a year, but the crisis deepened in January, when the commander of the police anti-kidnappin squad in Morelos was arrested in a nearby state as he dumped the body of a prisoner he had tortured to death. The commander later testified that the Morelos police had helped several traffickers turn the state into an operating

TRAVEL UPDATE

Correction

Strike Snarls Service On French Railroads

PARIS (AFP) - French rail services were badly disrupted Wednesday, particularly in the Paris area, because of a strike by five trade unions demanding wage increases and extra staffing.

The SNCF, France's state-owned railroad, said traffic was expected to return to normal on Thursday morning except in the Paris area where disruptions would probably continue through the morning rush hour.
The SNCF said traffic on the Eurostar

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train that links Paris to London was running normally on Wednesday, as were the high-speed TGV trains going from Paris to Lausanne and Zurich. But Paris suburban services and the RER commuter line were badly disrupted, with traffic estimated at between 25 percent and 50 percent of normal

4 U.S. Airlines Sign **Pacts With Air China**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Northwest Airlines, Continental Airlines, America West and Alaska Airlines signed agree-

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ments with Air China to share frequentflier programs and cooperate in other

The accords, signed Tuesday, should be ready for implementation as soon as force that helped carry out military opthe carriers are granted government ap-proval, said Michael Levine, a Northwest executive vice president.

The code-sharing agreements will allow passengers to transfer easily between flights on the different carriers. The pacts also involve coordinated schedules and connections, linked reservations systems, reciprocal frequentflier programs and joint marketing, sales and promotion activities.

Count Now at 8 Planes With Bad Fuel Wires

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Inspections of 114 older Boeing Co. 737 aircraft have revealed eight cases of exposed fuel tank wires, the Federal Aviation Administration said Tuesday. In another 24 cases, the wires going to fuel pumps in the wings had lost at least 50 percent of their insulation, the agency said.

On Sunday, the agency grounded 179 S.-registered 737s with more than 50,000 flight hours pending checks and repairs of the wires traveling through metal conduits in wing fuel tanks.

A Page 1 article in Tuesday's editions on the

Jack Bennett flew more missions into Berlin than

any other pilot. Mr. Bennett said he flew 60 mis-

sions with the civilian carrier American Overseas

Airlines. Some U.S. Air Force pilots flew more than 400 missions, according to an air force historian.

By Raymond Bonner New York Times Service

LONDON - A British mercenary erations in Sierra Leone this year kept Penfold to assist the effort. formed of its activities and had its tacit support, the military group and a senior ministration official said.

The operation was successful from the perspective of Washington and London, helping restore to power an elected president of Sierra Leone, Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, who had been ousted by a group

of army officers in a coup a year earlier. But in accomplishing its mission, Sandline International, a British security concern that was paid \$10 million on behalf of Mr. Kabbah to arm and train a force to return him to power, reportedly brought in planeloads of assault rifles, mortars and ammunition - more than 100 tons altogether - in violation of a United Nations arms embargo on Sierra

In Britain, the disclosures about Sandline, which first came to light in March in Africa Confidential, a newsletter here, have become front-page news, creating a political maelstrom. Foreign Minister Robin Cook, under attack by the press and the political opposition, has said he will resign if the arms embargo was knowingly violated.

On Monday. Prime Minister Tony Blair dismissed the allegations as a lot of "hoo-ha," and praised the British ambassador in Sierra Leone, Peter Pen-Berlin Airlift 50 years ago incorrectly reported that fold, who reportedly coordinated the Sandline operation, for helping restore the elected president. On Tuesday, Mr. Blair's office released an "unprompted" letter from Mr. Kabbah, who said that he neither had sought nor was

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offered arms, supported by the British government. Mr. Kabbah was restored in March with the help of a Nigerian-led African force that ousted the junta. Sandline said it had been asked by Mr.

thorities opened an investigation into whether Sandline broke the embargo with the approval of Mr. Cook's ministry. In Parliament on Tuesday, Mr. Cook vehemently denied that his office had ever received notice that the embargo would be broken. "I can flatly and firmly make it clear that no papers suggesting the breach of the arms embargo by Sandline or anybody else ever went to my office in March or anytime

before that," he said. Washington has also sought to play down the affair. In his briefing Monday,

the State Department spokesman, James Rubin, described Sandline as merely a private security firm that protected mining and construction interests in Sierra Leone.

last year, and they "periodically contacted State Department officials and commented on the situation in Sierra Leone," Mr. Rubin said, "But we are not aware - at least I am not aware of any information provided on possible arms shipments.' But Sandline and a senior American

official tell a different story. In a confidential letter sent to Mr. Cook on April 24, Sandline's lawyers wrote that Sandline had kept the State Department in-

formed "at the highest level."

Among those briefed, the lawyers

said, were the American ambassador in Sierra Leone, John Hirsch, and senior State Department officers. The letter also says the operation, which included A few Sandline 'employees' reained in Sierra Leone after the coup

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The senior administration official generally confirmed this. "We were fully aware of what was going on," he said. He said Washington was pleased that Britain took the lead among West ern nations in helping oust the junta, and described American support for Sand-line's operation as "passive," rather

As for the State Department's as sertion that it knew nothing about the arms shipments, the official said: "If you believe that, well, I've got some other information to sell you.

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Immigrants Given Back Benefits

In a Retreat, Senate Votes to Restore Food Stamps to 250,000

By Lizette Alvarez New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Senate has voted to restore food stamps to a quarter of a million legal immigrants and refugees, remeating from some of the provisions of the 1996 welfare overhaul law.

The restoration was part of an agreement Tuesday between the two chambers and is expected to pass the House. It would be the second time in a year that Congress has backtracked on the landmark welfare law, which has been criticized as unduly harsh to immigrants.

The measure passed overwhelmingly, 92 to 8, despite a Republican broadside from Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, who to the United States for the wrong reasons. Lawmakers have been under considerable political pressure from Presprogram in 1996. ident Bill Clinton, Republican governors and immigrant groups to re- large part through cuts in what the fedthe welfare law cut them off the rolls.

Last year, Congress voted to reinstate Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income to some immigrants as part of the balanced-budget agreement, but food stamps were not part of the package.

The House is expected to take up the provision in the next few weeks, as part of a larger agricultural research and crop refugees and people who have received food stamp provision.

among conservatives who object to both the food stamp and agricultural research

With this action, we have reaffirmed our compassion and our priority for tak- persecution. ing care of the most vulnerable in our society," Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, the ranking Democrat on the Agriculture Committee, said in his opening remarks.

The bill takes a major step toward fulfilling a promise that was made by our president and many of us here in the Congress on both sides of the aisle to correct inequities made in the 1996 Welfare Reform Act.'

The provision, which would cost \$816 contended that it would lure immigrants food stamps to about 250,000 legal immigrants - children, the elderly and the disabled — who were dropped from the

> The measure would be paid for in food stamp program.
>
> To qualify for the nutrition benefits,

immigrants must have been living in the United States on Aug. 22, 1996, the day Mr. Clinton signed the welfare overhaul law. Those who arrived after that date would not be entitled to food stamps.

The measure would also enable

insurance bill. It faces slight opposition asylum in the United States to receive nutrition benefits for seven years, instead of five. Refugees are in a separate category from legal immigrants because they are classified as victims of political

Before the welfare overhaul, legal immigrants constituted 1.8 million of the 25 million food stamp recipients, a number that dropped to about 800,000 after the bill became law.

The sharp drop in the number of legal immigrants entitled to benefits, many of whom had lived and worked in the United States for years, prompted sharp criticism from immigrant groups who asserted that noncitizens had been unfairly singled out. The nation's governors joined in the campaign, fearing they would have to shoulder a larger share of the financial burden.

The president, responding to the outcry, promised to work to restore many of the lost benefits. And Republicans, constore some aid to legal immigrants since eral government pays states to run the cerned about further alienating Hispanic voters, agreed to revisit the welfare legislation, one of their proudest achievements in 1996.

Last week the Physicians for Human Rights drew attention to a new study showing hunger among immigrants in three states at "alarmingly high" levels. The group urged Congress to pass the

U.S. COAST GUARD

A Coast Guardsman leaping onto a freighter that took 160 illegal Haitian immigrants to central Miami.

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Away From Politics

 About 160 suspected illegal immigrants from Haiti leaped off a freighter on the Miami River, near central Miami, setting off a scramble by U.S. agencies to capture as many as possible, officials said. Customs agents, called to the scene, saw dozens of people leaping off the boat, some directly onto shore and others into the water. (Reuters)

 Trying to put the brakes on a New York taxi drivers' revolt, a furious Mayor Rudolph Giuliani promised that cabbies who try to close down the city could lose their drivers' licenses, ownership permits and face arrest. The mayor told a City Hall news conference that he was not concerned about Wednesday's "yellow flu" work boycott, which was followed by an estimated 80 percent of drivers. But he said he would crack down hard on taxi drivers who violate the law in a planned bumper-to-bumper protest drive from Queens to City Hall on May 21.

• A federal judge in the Oklahoma City bombing case sent a clear signal that he will take a tough stance when sentencing Michael Fortier, a prosecution wimess, for his role in the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people. U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Van Bebber established a sentencing range of 14 to 171/2 years, ruling that Mr. Fortier should have foreseen that his actions could have contributed to the bombing conspiracy. He will formally sentence Mr. Fortier on May 27.

· A conductor who saw a child lying in the path of his slowmoving freight train saved her life by kicking the 19-monthold girl out of the way. Robert Mohr, a Norfolk Southern conductor, and Rod Lindley, the engineer, saw the child on the tracks in Lafayette, Indiana, but were unable to fully stop their 96-car train before it reached her. With the train moving about 10 mph, Mr. Mohr grabbed a railing in front of the engine, leaned over and kicked the child from its path.

Hype and Hoax in the New Journalism

Magazine Writers Tempted to Make It Up When the Pressure Rises

By Howard Kurtz Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Not his own article. magazines.

"Glass, you're going to blow up at some point," the friend recalled saying. "You can't turn out this much copy. It's just not possible."

The explosion came last weekend when the New Republic fired the Mr. Glass, 25, for fabricating the characters in a piece in the issue dated May 18 about a teenage computer hacker. Friends and coldevised a phony voice-mail recording for the fictional

results are mixed.

Short Takes

which Mr. Glass even included scathing criticism of

having lunch with a journalist high-profile group of young friend who cautioned him writers who are skipping the about all his freelance con-bush leagues and jumping tracts with high-powered straight to the majors. And a mecca for these journalists is many magazine editors consider dull unless writers bring it to life with "attitude" and voice," thereby generating the all-important element of

"Journalism didn't use to appeal to people who wanted to become famous," said Charlie Peters, editor of Washington Monthly, who leagues were in tears at a staff for three decades has hired meeting Monday. They are and coached promising still stunned that Mr. Glass young journalists. "Now you've got people drawn to selve Washington who used to be jobs.

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TOPICS

In the last year, hundreds of Internet booths have

popped up in airports, malls, hotel lobbies and other public sites. Vendors of these public-access terminals hope people will not blink at paying up to 33 cents a minute to get a Net fix while they are on the road. So far,

But one place users definitely are not blinking is at truck stops, like Bruce's in Bakersfield, California, one of

dozens now offering Internet terminals or simpler e-mail

touch screens. With more drivers traveling with laptops and using e-mail and the Web, truck stops have begun advertising the Net services, along with their hot coffee

and warm showers.
"We're swamped in the afternoons," Judy March-

banks, a manager at Bruce's, told the Los Angeles Times. Jim Paar, 40, an independent trucker, said he used terminals like the one at Bruce's for up to an hour at a time,

to browse the Web or check on the weather where he is

headed. Usage of truck-stop terminals has exceeded expectations by 300 percent, a vendor said.

The terminals seem a natural for truck drivers, who are

often gone for weeks at a time but need to stay in touch

with headquarters and home. Bob Lee, president of a

Tennessee chain of 130 truck stops, has terminals in 105 of those stops and wants them in the others. "I'm kicking as hard as I can to get them put in quickly," he said. "That's the 21st century."

Declaring that vulgar language in school can provoke

Declaring that vulgar language in school can provoke violence and corrodes the learning environment even when spoken in hallways between classes, Washington-area educators are moving to curb profanity on school grounds, and not just when expressed to teachers or administrators. The increased language policing can raise questions, however. For the uninitiated, notes The Washington Post, hallway conversations can be as bewildering as they are shocking. Students' conversations can be laced with four-letter words and racial and sexual shirs that are used sometimes as insults, other times as terms of endearment. Schools are

insults, other times as terms of endearment. Schools are

having to decide whether a casual use of a word can be any

At the Gift Building, an office tower on Fifth Avenue in New York, the garbage bills kept rising until they hit \$10,000 a month. Now a different company provides the same service for \$950 a month. City officials credit their crackdown on a Mafia-run cartel that had rigged prices and denied customers any choice of haulers. The cartel inflated garbage fees in the city as much as \$400 million.

and denied customers any choice of nauters. The cartel inflated garbage fees in the city as much as \$400 million a year, prosecutors say. Last year, reports The New York Times, 14 company owners and three alleged mobsters were convicted of extorting payoffs. Since then, garbage removal costs have fallen by 30 percent to 40 percent.

A simple sentence in a New Yorker magazine profile of Walter Lord, historian of the Titanic, has caused a mini-tempest of its own. Referring to the evacuation of the ship, the article said, "Today, it's laughable to think that women and children would actually be waved first that women feet lifeboots." Alex Ream a Roston Class

that women and continues would acmany be waved first into those few lifeboats." Alex Beam, a Boston Globe columnist, felt that the sentence wrongly portrayed modern standards. So did most of the moralists he consulted.

Brian Knowlton

So did his mother. Have we sunk so low, he asked?

more acceptable than when it is used to insult.

Truckers Pull Over for the Net

site on America Online - in journalism has become another path to becoming fa-

The Glass episode raises long ago, Stephen Glass, a New Republic writer, was harsh spotlight on a small but Why would anyone risk a but two decades ago it was things up? Why wasn't Mr. Glass, who was also writing for Harper's, George and Rolling Stone, caught earlier? Washington, a place that Is the magazine world more agement class, they are confixated on hot copy than factual reporting?

> reporters for modest pay and encourage them to moonlight for affluent New York the business now on being magazines. The Manhattan glossies gain entrée to the capital without having to pay full-time salaries, and the young hot shots find themjuggling multiple

company he invented, along drawn exclusively to New Everyone in journalism with a bogus corporate Web York or L.A. — Washington wants to make as much "Everyone in journalism money as the lawyers and various other people they enough attention to any one write about," said Rich story," he said. Blow, Washington editor of George magazine, which ter-. its contract with Ms. Shalit minated Mr. Glass's contract after determining she had bit-

> Standard, said: "The pressure I see is to turn out only hit New Republic.) pieces and take down someone big. I've certainly felt it. They make a louder

bang when they go off."
But there is still a wide chasm between hype and young journalist of an earlier generation was Janet Cooke, the former Washington Post \$15,000 or \$20,000. reporter who won a 1981 Jacob Weisberg, 33, a Pulitzer Prize for a bogus sto-former New Republic writer she was desperate to get off the paper's Weekly staff,

common thread. Ruth Shalit,

overzealous, a little un-hinged" and "a little auda-

There have always been thriving career by making exceedingly rare for 20something writers to become Vanity Fair-level stars. Now that aging baby boomers make up much of the manstantly looking for Gen X journalists who can boost Mr. Glass was part of a symbiotic culture in which prestigious but unprofitable Washington magazines hire murders or school board hear-

ings.
"There's a big premium in fresh, being zippy, being hip," said one Washington magazine editor. "There's a youth culture out there that's prevalent."

Martin Beiser, managing editor of GQ, said freelancers magazines could be a prob-

The magazine terminated ten off more than she could Tucker Carlson, a 28-year-old reporter for the Weekly ployed Mr. Glass, contrary to information supplied by the

For aspiring writers, however, the economics can be irresistible. Mr. Glass was being paid \$45,000 a year by the New Republic; some Weekly Standard writers earn hoax. The most notorious \$30,000. But just one lengthy piece for a major New Yorkbased magazine can fetch

ry about an 8-year-old heroin who now works for Slate, addict named "Jimmy." The cautions against reading too who now works for Slate, charges they had attempted to Post returned the prize after much into isolated examples Ms. Cooke admitted fabric- of magazine malpractice. In ating the story; she later said any profession, he said. bitious people who cut Ambition seems to be a corners to get ahead."

"People who would make a New Republic writer who stuff up or plagiarize would recorded the meetings, and ran into trouble at 24 for a do it regardless of the presseries of plagiarism incidents, sure to produce, "he said. "I told George magazine: don't think it's rational. It "When you're a young reporter, you're a little er."

Robert Ulrich, the former treasurer of the big oil company.

At the time they were first disclosed, the contents of the

Clintons Ride the Market Bulls

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, who sometimes complains that he does not get the credit he believes he is due for the soaring economy, can at least take comfort in the latest news: His personal investments are doing just fine.

Apparently with a tug from the bull market on Wall Street, the first family saw their assets climb significantly in 1997 from the year before, financial disclosure forms released by the White House show. The disclosure statement shows the Clintons with holdings of \$1,262,018 to \$5,756,000, compared with \$760,000 to \$1.7 million a year before. The gains came largely in blind trusts in which the Clintons do not participate in decisions or even know in which stocks and bonds their money is invested.

Despite these gains, the Clintons' overall financial picture remains far from sunny, thanks to ever-rising legal bills. million in outstanding bills to law firms, and sources familiar with their defence say this figure has sources familiar with their defense say this figure has risen markedly since the first of the year.

In contrast, Vice President Al Gore's disclosure form market run-up of the 1990s. The Gore family, with total to see what the Lord has in store for us."

assets ranging from \$770,000 to \$870,000, does not own stocks or mutual funds or have money managed for it in

Burton Fends Off Democrats

WASHINGTON - Democrats on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee failed Wednesday to oust Representative Dan Burton as head of a campaign fundraising investigation. But they vowed they would succeed in

blocking immunity for four potential winnesses.

Mr. Burton, Republican of Indiana, used his chairman's powers to prevent the panel from even voting on the motion by Henry Waxman, Democrat of California. Mr. Burton also blocked voting on Mr. Waxman's alternative to curb Mr. Burton's authority to issue subpoenas.

Representative Jon Christensen, his fiancée at his side. commenting after finishing in third place in his bid for the reveals an oddity: He is one of the few Americans in his Republican gubernatorial nomination in Nebraska: "Someincome bracket who is not participating in the great stock times you learn more from a loss than a win, and I'm excited

Court Clears 2 in Texaco's Race-Tape Scandal

questions about whether cor-

porate America had been pay-

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — Two former Texaco Inc. execu-

tives who had been caught on tape discussing the destruction of documents demanded in a racial discrimination lawsuit against the company have been found not guilty on

obstruct justice.

The jury at federal district court, in White Plains, New York, where Texaco is based, "you're going to have am- concluded Tuesday that there was not enough hard evi-dence against Richard Lundwall, the man who secretly

tapes, in which executives moting diversity in the tial criminal actions. Several made disparaging comments workplace. Texaco responded passages on the tapes suggesabout minorities at Texaco, by settling a race discrimina- ted that Mr. Ulrich and Mr. tion case out of court for \$176 Lundwall had discussed hidprompted boycotts of the oil

ing mere lip service to pro- raised questions about poten- race discrimination.

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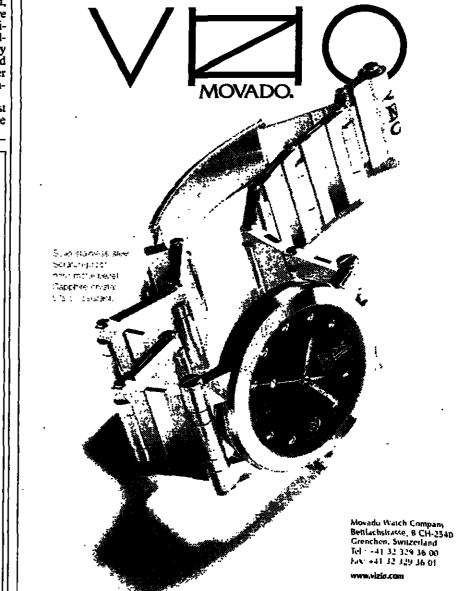




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Bearing the Euro's Message of Stability to Washington

France's Socialist government seems to be seeking a closer dialogue with the Clinton administration, and Pierre Moscovici, the minister for European affairs, travels to Washington this week for talks. He spoke with Joseph Fitchett of the IHT about how Paris sees European trends.

Q. U.S.-French relations are polite but uneasy these days. You're one of a half- as far as the 11 currencies are concerned denly visiting Washington. Is this a Even though the national banknotes and fence-mending exercise?

A. There's a strong need for clarifying discussions between the United States and Europe and the United States and to try playing off those currencies France because a lot is happening in our against each other. Notice that any currelations - for example, around the rency speculation in Europe is directed euro. I'm sure Americans understand that at currencies outside the euro. the euro is going to be a factor of stability in global monetary affairs. The euro will make markets less vulnerable to speculation and that extra stability is welcome on both sides of the Atlantic.

• A / Pierre Moscovici, France's Minister for European Affairs

Q. Are you saying that the cure will be

A. In a technical sense, foreign exchange markets can shut down right now are effectively in the euro because we set more as the euro gains importance. their parities last week. So it's pointless

Secondly, the euro will be a reserve in world markets. It moves us toward a currency of an economy comparable to multipolar system and shared leadership that of the United States, so it is likely to quickly play a major role in international

Q. At what rate of exchange between

on Wednesday to confront the Roman

Catholic Church's role in Rwanda's

London, criticized the church for try-

ing to protect the accused, rather than

constructive role in Rwanda as long as

Canada Gets Tough

OTTAWA - Canada's Liberal government has unveiled tough steps

to deal with violent youth, bowing to more than a decade of public protest that the country's rehabilitation-based

Justice Minister Anne McLellan said

that youths aged 12 to 17 who commit

violent or repeat crimes would face harsher penalties, including adult sen-

tences and possible public exposure. In addition, the media will be have greater

freedom to name youth offenders, par-

ticularly those who receive adult sen-

Vatican had no comment.

laws are too soft.

African Rights, which is based in

A. Probably roughly the current partoo big a currency for speculators to ity, which has varied only slightly re- our economies only suffer from com-

cently. Already, that reflects European governments' success in achieving economic convergence. It was a contributing factor in Europe's ability to dozen cabinet ministers who are sud- whose countries have joined the euro. emerge relatively unscathed from the economic turmoil in Asia, a benefit of coins are still out there, those currencies the sort that we expect to see more and Q. Is that your message to Japan about

> A. We're still worried, but we're also optimistic that the necessary reforms can be carried out by the Asian countries, notably Japan, perhaps faster than most people seem to expect. When that happens, we'll be evolving toward a monetary world with three poles — the dol-

lar, the euro and an Asian currency.

the euro's importance?

Q. Haven't you sacrificed a lot for stability via the euro?

petitive devaluations and that we all gain by standing together. Nobody forced any country to join. We're been pursuing this goal for more than 20 years, so we think that the worst shocks are behind us.

Q. But hasn't France already shown that it wants to make room for more political decisions in the future European Central Bank — and perhaps on occasion more inflation — by trying to impose Jean-Claude Trichet instead of Wim Duisenberg as the bank's first

Duisenberg, has been France's toughest anti-inflation fighter for 20 years. In that respect, the pair are identical twins. If anybody wanted inflation in Europe he now knows there's no hope of it for the next 12 years under these two central

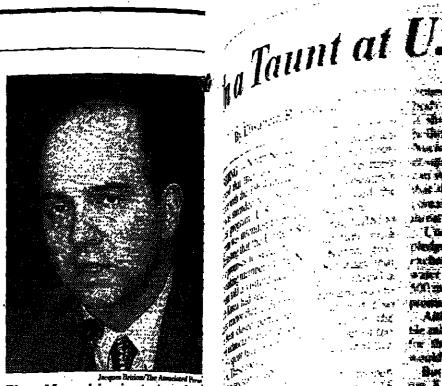
A. Mr. Trichet, who will succeed Mr.

bankers. So there was no problem of personalities, but there was an issue of principle. We want the central bank to be independent, but we also want the chairman to have a dialogue with political leaders - just as the chairman of the Federal Reserve does in the United States. Mr. Greenspan is independent, but he testifies to Congress, he talks to the president. So we wanted to make the point that

the head of the European Central Bank is appointed by the heads of state and govemment and not simply co-opted to the top job by other central bankers. It's true, too, that having a French head take over reasonably early in the new bank in Frankfurt does fit the pattern of a broad equilibrium in top European jobs that is healthy for the French-German relationship and the outlook for integration.

Q. The top job at the European Bank for Development and Reconstruction is open. Does France have to keep that job

A. The central bank job raised a ques-



Pierre Moscovici, going to America

tion of fundamentals. In this job at the development bank, France has its candidate, but the context is different and fits essentially into the overall distribution I mentioned.

BRIEFLY

Palestinian Worker Killed in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM - A Palestinian worker was stabbed to death Wednes- confronting the accusations, and for day in an Onhodox Jewish neighbor- neglecting the survivors of the 1994 hood here, apparently in revenge for the fatal stabbing of a seminary student in "The Catholic Church cannot play a fatal stabbing of a seminary student in the Old City a week ago.

The worker, Khayri Alqam, 51, a it continues to provide sanctuary to father of nine, was stabbed in the back at 5:30 A.M. on his way to work in the wrote in a letter to the pontiff. The Beit Yisrael neighborhood, a short walk from East Jerusalem. It was the sixth stabbing of Arabs in the Orthodox area in recent months, but the first in which the victim was killed. (NYT)

Iraq Finalizes Plan On Aid Distribution

BAGHDAD — Iraq is nearly ready to submit its aid distribution plan under an extended "oil for food" deal, a UN official said Wednesday.

Eric Falt, a spokesman for the UN

coordinator in Baghdad, said Baghdad was "very close" to sending its plan to the UN secretary-general, Kofi An-nan. Mr. Falt added that discussions were continuing "in an atmosphere of honest cooperation" and that there were only a few questions in the plan For the Record

remaining to be solved.

The UN Security Council has approved an increase in the value of the to grant President Alberto Fujimori oil pact from the \$2 billion every six sweeping powers to pass emergency months to \$5.25 billion to buy food, legislation against crime, a week after (Reuters)

Vatican Under Fire

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rights group urged Pope John Paul II within a month.

medicine and other supplies to help the machine-gun murder of a prom-

inent gold miner. The FBI said it would report its

findings on a 1994 anti-Jewish bombing in Buenos Aires that killed 86 VATICAN CITY -- A human- people to the Argentine government

The Peruvian Congress has voted

Albright to Visit Hague Officials

State Madeleine Albright will travel to The Hague to meet Friday with Dutch leaders and officials from the war crimes eign Minister Hans van Mierlo. She will tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the also meet with Louise Arbour, chief State Department announced.

Mrs. Albright will then go to London to join President Bill Clinton at the summit talks between the United States and the European Union in London on Monday. She will also accompany Mr. Clin- of Justice and the Organization for the ton to Geneva to attend the celebration of Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Agence France-Presse the 50th anniversary of the General WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

In The Hague, Mrs. Albright will meet with Prime Minister Wim Kok and Forprosecutor of the international war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and with officials from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the International Court would see him leading Germany beyond 2000. After his speech, Mr. Clinton met with Mr. Kohl's rival in the elections, Gerhard Schroeder of the Social

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Democratic Party. Mr. Clinton laid out a broad agenda for stabilizing Russia, leveling trade barriers, strengthening international institutions such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and ensuring that Europeans can "march toward greater unity" on economic, social and polit-

"Without the courage of ordinary people, the wall would not have come down and the new Europe would

itself — whole and free." Mr. Kohl returned the the economic and political relationship within the EUcompliment, thanking American companies for crearing some 60,000 jobs in Germany. Beyond free trans-Atlantic trade, Mr. Kohl said he

CLINTON: President Urges EU to Open Door to Turkey and Calls for Support for Russia &

also wanted to remove trade barriers within the European Union.
"We Germans will not accept a fortressed Europe,"

The Clinton trip was planned around the annual meeting of the major industrialized nations: the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Britain, Italy, Japan

and the newest member of the club, Russia. The leaders

will convene this weekend in Birmingham, England.

The Continent is in the midst of extraordinary be unfolding," he said.

change, led by the formal agreement of 11 nations to curity issues, as shown last week by the proposed takeover of Chrysler Corp. by Germany's Daimlerof this story. We must build a Europe like Germany their national currencies, an experiment that will alter Benz AG.

Mr. Clinton is helping to commemorate an imortant chapter in the history of both countries, the Berlin airlift. Beginning in the spring of 1948, the United States launched a huge airlift of food and other supplies to break a road-rail blockade of Berlin established by the Soviet Union. The airlift ended more than a year later when the Soviets ended the block-

German leaders say the arrival of an American president is a significant moment for the country, but they recognize that the context today is far different than before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Now the relationship is built more around economic than security issues, as shown last week by the proposed

MARKETS: Rising Rates and Indonesian Violence Shake Asian Stocks and Currencies

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youngest son, from a showroom, over-turned the vehicles and tried to set them on fire, Reuters reported. They also broke into a branch of the Bank of Central Asia, which is owned by the Salim group, which in turn is headed by one of Indonesia's most prominent ethnic Chinese families and by some members of Mr. Suharto's family.

In Hong Kong, regional political turmoil and continued worries over the and the harder it could be for China to stability of the Hong Kong dollar and the avoid devaluing its currency later this Chinese yuan sent stocks plunging by 3.78 percent to their lowest level since the market slumped on Jan. 12. The benchmark Hang Seng Index feli 372.22 points, to 9,469.29.

The sharp fall in Hong Kong, which is now down 11.7 percent in the year to date, and continuing worries over banking system may signal a new phase for Asian investors, who previously considered the stable currency environments of Hong Kong and China as rel-atively isolated from the perils of the Asian economic crisis.

"All the evidence from China points to a continued slowdown of economic activity. This is the last part of Asia where market perception has yet to coincide with reality," says the latest edi-tion of Santander Investment's weekly in Hong Kong, slightly overweight in

China, and heavily overweight in cash.

Alex Tang, head of research at Core Yamaichi Securities, blamed the heightened concern about the Hong Kong dollar on Wednesday on local reports of preparations by gregulators to the content of the presentation of the presentat attack the currency.

bank Offered Rate, which is what local banks charge one another to borrow money, rose to 8.5 percent, its highest level since Feb. 16, after reports in the Chinese media that hedge funds were again accumulating Hong Kong dollars, hoping to sell them and buy them back in the future at a lower rate.

There was also concern about the continuing weakness of the Japanese yen, Mr. Tang said. The weaker the yen, the worse is the outlook for Chinese exports, and the harder it could be for China to year or early in 1999.

■ New Worries Differ From 1997 Paul Blustein of The Washington Post

this year from their devastating collapse in late 1997, have weakened anew in recent days. Analysis and government officials

Asia's financial markets, which ap-

agreed that the renewed turmoil differs afflicted countries - notably South Korea and Thailand - have accumulated large reserves of foreign currencies, and are thus in little danger of being unable to meet their international ob-

But a U.S. official acknowledged that the markets' latest downward turns have

the finance ministers' meeting over the inflicting on companies and citizens.

worried global finance ministers.

peared to be recovering smartly earlier it had been previously," the official said, referring to the summit of leaders of the Group of Seven industrial countries. The concern over Indonesia is much

weekend was a bit more concerned than

deeper than for other Asian countries. where bargain-hunting investors sent from last year's crisis in that some of the stocks soaring in January, February and March as a general consensus grew that the worst of Asia's troubles had passed.

A senior IMF official said Tuesday that he believed markets had become overenthusiastic about recovery prospects in Korea and Thailand a couple of months ago, and were now overreacting in a negative direction in response to "You can safely say that the mood at evidence of the hardship the crisis is

date, and continuing worries over China's slowing economy and shaky MANILA: Marcos Family a Big Winner in Philippine Elections

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two days before the voting and endorsed Mr. Estrada in order to win a big favor.

Magtangol Gunigundo, the commission chairman, said, "You can be sure Mrs. Marcos is supporting Mr. Estrada in hopes of getting a pardon and return of all her assets."

It is unclear just how much Mrs. Marcos's withdrawal from the campaign conreport on Asian markets. Santander's tributed to Mr. Estrada, who has made no model portfolio is heavily underweight comment on a possible pardon. She contended that at least 2 million voters from despite her graft conviction and 12-year

reports of preparations by speculators to daughter in elections in the same northern province of Ilocos Norte that helped The three-month Hong Kong Inter- launch Mr. Marcos's political career a presidential pardon."

after World War II. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. was elected governor of the province and Imee Marcos was elected to the lower house of the national congress.

Mrs. Marcos happily acknowledged that the apparent election of Mr. Estrada means that prosecutors and investigators will face increasing difficulty in pursuing their quest for the hidden wealth that she and Marcos associates are accused of stealing.

At the very least, her aides said, she will probably never serve time in jail

Mr. Marcos, said in a separate interview: "Politics being politics, we're looking at

Noting Mr. Estrada's promise to dissolve the Commission on Good Government. Mrs. Marcos derided it as "the number one thief" and said it had been selling properties, looting them, vandalizing them, forfeiting them and con-. fiscating them."

The commission has looked into 137 cases of alleged Marcos corruption and in some of those involving real estate has seized Marcos-owned properties. She was convicted on a charge of illegally transferring government funds that she has said she needed for a government hospital

Mr. Gunigundo, the commission chairman, estimated Marcos accounts in Switzerland at a minimum of \$540 million plus a total that he said "would not be less than \$1 billion here."

"I'm sure now there will be a little more justice and logic," Mrs. Marcon predicted.

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In a Taunt at U.S., North Korea Suspends Nuclear Freeze Agreement

By Elisabeth Rosenthal

BEIJING - North Korean officials have ansounced that they are suspending their com-pliance with the 1994 nuclear treeze agreement that was intended to dismantle their country's nuclear program. U.S. officials have said the

program was intended to produce weapons. Protesting that the United States had failed to bonor promises to send money and fuel oil, a high-ranking member of the North Korean government told a visiting academic Saturday that North Korea had recently decided to unseal a nuclear reactor that under the agreement was to have been closed permanently, and had also barred technicians from packing the last of the reactor's spent fuel rods for shipment out of the country. These rods contain plutonium that can

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Although North Korea's decision to reopen the plant, in Yong Byon, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) from the capital, Pyongyang, had no immediate effect, some arms experts called it an

ominous symbolic action. "This is like some-body dusting off the old .45 and making sure that it shines, but not loading it," said Gary Mil-hollin, director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control. "They're sending a clever signal in our direction saying, 'Remember, we can stop cooperating,' "Mr. Milhollin also said that the approximately 200 spare rods did not contain enough plutonium to pose a nuclear

Under the 1994 agreement, North Korea pledged; to dismantle its nuclear program in exchange for U.S. promises to build two light water reactors to generate electricity, to deliver 500 metric tons of oil annually. North Korea also promised to ease barriers to trade.

Although the United States has run into trouble raising the billions of dollars required to pay for these measures, it has repeatedly said would carry out its side of the agreement.

But last Friday, North Korea's government-

run Korean Central News Agency expressed deep displeasure with the pace of U.S. efforts, and hinted that the North Korean government might restart its nuclear program. North Korea should no longer lend an ear to the empty promises of the United States' side, but open and readjust the frozen nuclear facilities and do everything our own way," a statement from an unidentified Foreign Ministry official said.

And the next day, Foreign Minister Kim Yong Nam elaborated on the statement in a private two-hour meeting in Pyongyang with an American expert on Korea. Selig Harrison, of the Twentieth Century Fund.

According to Mr. Harrison, Mr. Kim said that on April 19 the North Koreans had opened up the previously sealed plant to "conduct maintenance on the reactor." and had also halted the "canning of spent fuel rods" from the reactor. Two hundred of the reactor's 8,000 rods have not yet been prepared, he said.

"We are keeping up our progress in implementing the nuclear freeze agreement, but the U.S. is behind." Mr. Kim told Mr. Harrison, who spoke with reporters in Beijing en route back to the United States. "So we have now decided to slow down and suspend certain aspects of the

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agreement." He said that once the United States had a chance to "catch up," North Korea would resume cooperation.

The North Koreans contend that the United States is behind schedule in heavy fuel ship-ments and in its preparations to build the new reactors, to be completed by 2003.

The State Department said Saturday that the United States had lived up to its obligations, noting that even though oil shipments have been somewhat slow for the first part of the year, the stipulated quota would be met by year's end.

Anything that would happen to undermine the integrity of that agreement from the North Korean side or from the outside would be, in our view, extremely lamentable and regrettable. Thomas Pickering, the U.S. undersecretary of tate for political affairs.

As to whether the North Korean action of reopening the reactor at Yong Byon threatened the agreement, a State Department official who spoke on condition of anonymity said that he had no information about the unsealing of the plant. He said that whether the act violates the agreement depends on what those "maintenance ac-tivities are," whether they are "restarting the reactor or sweeping the floors.

He added that, according to the U.S. government's information, "the canning of the rods is essentially done," although he acknowledged that a small fraction of the rods — some in fragments — might remain.

North Korea has generally honored its com-mitments under the 1994 agreement, experts said, largely dismantling its nuclear program and lifting restrictions on trade with the United

But the course of the agreement has been bumpy. The United States has been unhappy with what it sees as North Korea's tepid attempts to improve relations with South Korea. North Korea, in turn, had been angered by what it regarded as the United States' halthearted efforts to remove trade barriers - efforts that have so far been mostly limited to allowing phone and fax lines.

Despite the announcement, Mr. Harrison said that North Korean leaders had made some conciliatory statements during his talks

Washington **Urges Suharto** To Ease Grip

he used in nuclear weapons.

WASHINGTON - The United States says that Indonesia needs to undergo "political reform" if it is to have any hope of regaining stability, Washington's first public insistence that Pres-

ident Suharto loosen his iron grip. But the White House has decided not to make those reforms a condition for continued U.S. support for economic aid to the country. A senior administration official said that "the aid is overwhelmingly humanitarian, and we believe it is in the interest of the Indonesian people that we go ahead with those programs.

In a statement issued Tuesday evening, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said that Indonesia "needs to break the cycle of violence which appears to be emerging," and that "the United States deplores the killings" that left at least six students dead Tuesday after a protest in Jakarta.

The statement followed a day of internal debate within the administration in which several officials were clearly concerned that Washington is now, in the words of one, "too associated with

But one official familiar with the Monday night White House strategy session said that there was no discussion of encouraging Mr. Suharto to leave office.



OUT THEY GO — A Malaysian policeman smoking a cigarette as he supervises the deportation of illegal Indonesian workers on Wednesday at Port Klang, near Kuala Lumpur. A total of 903 illegal workers were rounded up in the northern states of Penang and Perak and were sent back to Indonesia in three vessels.

Seoul Wants to Invite Japanese Emperor

SEOUL -- South Korea said Wednesday it would like to invite Emperor Akihito of Japan to visit, and that barriers to Japanese culture in the country

South Korea said that he would explore these and other issues on a visit to Japan next week that aims to improve ties between the countries.

President Kim Dae Jung, who spent time in Japan during his dissident days and speaks Japanese, would like to invite Emperor Akihito when he visits Tokyo in the autumn, Mr. Park said.

South Korea has banned Japanese music, movies, theatrical and cultural performances since the country was liberated from Japanese occupation at the end of World War II. (Reuters)

China Leaders Urge Taiwan to Reunify

BEIJING - Leaders of China's ruling Communist Party have called on Taiwan to take more positive steps toward reunification with the mainland, the Xinhua press agency said Wednesday.

A three-day conference attended by Jiang Zemin, Communist Party chief and state president, ended in Beijing on Wednesday urging Taiwan "to create

favorable conditions for China's reunification. Xinhua said. The meeting called on the party to try to bring Taiwan back into the fold peacefully under the "one country, two systems" formula used to secure the return of the former British colony of Hong Kong

Foreign Minister Park Chung Soo of outh Korea said that he would explore less and other issues on a visit to Hong Kong Activists Accused Over Flags

HONG KONG - Two opposition activists appeared in court Wednesday charged with desecrating the flags of China and Hong Kong, the first time such laws have been invoked since the territory returned to Chinese rule.

Ng Kung-siu, 25, and Lee Kin-yun. 19, pleaded not guilty to two counts of desecrating China's national flag and Hong Kong's regional flag.

Despite their plea, the activists said that they agreed fully with details of the police account. Paul Harris, a human rights lawyer defending the activists, told the court his clients were challenging the laws under which they were charged. (Reuters)

For the Record

Cambodian government troops Wednesday consolidated their hold on territory captured from Khmer Rouge guerrillas near the Thai border as the rebels' clandestine radio disappeared

BOOKS

TALES OF THE NIGHT

By Peter Hoeg, Translated from Danish by Barbara Haveland. 278 pages. \$23. Farrar Straus Giroux.

Reviewed by Katherine Dunn

THE Danish writer Peter Hoeg made I an explosive American debut in 1993 with his suspenseful literary thriller "Smilla's Sense of Snow."

The title character, Smilla Jasperson, is a remarkable female protagonist whose complex power is revealed in a lush layering of action, dialogue, image and flashback. The book's core gravity is expert on the subject of ice and snow. extended metaphor forming the cryssalline structure of the entire book.

"Tales of the Night," Hoeg's newest

work, is an intriguing collection of short stories. Described by the publisher as the author's second book, this collection seems to have appeared in Denmark before "Smilla's Sense of Snow." It displays Hoeg as an old-fashioned storyteller in fable forms reminiscent of Isak Dinesen and Joseph Conrad. Yet the modern thriller. A brief introductory note says: "These eight stories are linked by a date and a motif. All of them have to do with love. Love and its conditions on the night of March 19, 1929. The word "love" here describes not only attachments to other people but also the focused dedication the characters bring to their various callings in art, science and law. The conflict is between human emotional warmth and the hubristic seductions of vocation.

Copenhagen's respectable residential fortably ritualized pattern of story within as a ruthless mercenary.

story. The dispassionate narrator Hoeg's vigorous dissection is unstory. The dispassionate narrator launches each matter authoritatively, and the characters tell their own tales.

Though the characters begin as types — the dancer, the judge — they are revealed as substantial and sympathetic individuals as each tells of dramatic her passionate intelligence as a scientific events and conflicting obsessions. Despite the seeming limitations of the fable The peculiar nature of frozen water is an format, Hoeg's genuine narrative gifts fill these tales with surprise and excitement, a kind of breathless anxiety for what will happen on the next page and the next.

The Homage to Bournonville" begins in exotic fashion with a pair of starving fugitives warming themselves over a small fire on the deck of a halffoundered sailboat moored in the harbor at Lisbon. The police are searching for them, and they will soon be arrested. Both fugitives are dancers. One is a concept of the obsessed expert is as ballet dancer from Denmark. The other central to the fables as it is to Hoeg's is a Muslim mystic of the banned order ballet dancer from Denmark. The other of dervishes. As they wait for the police, the ballet dancer tells the astonishingly gritty though romantic tale of a brilliant allerina who lies to serve her art.

ballet dancer, and the grueling demands of this art form become tangible on the page. The Bournoville of the title may well refer to one or both of two 18thcentury French choreographers and ballet directors. Antoine and his son August. Hoeg inserts historical figures into The Washington Post.

The reader is never told why that several of these fictions, molding them particular date in 1929 was chosen, but for his own purposes. "Journey Into a its remoteness allows a formal language Dark Heart is a gleefully satiric revisit and a deliberately historical tone. The of "Heart of Darkness" by train rather cast varies drastically, and the settings than riverboat. A venerable gentleman are diverse — central Africa, Lisbon, named Joseph Korzeniowski (Conrad was his pen name) is first presented as an enclaves. But the structure has a com-

> deterred by the fact that the real Conrad died five years before the date of this story. Also re-cast on this fateful train is Paul Von Lettow Voerbeck, the German general who was noted for his delaying tactics in the African campaign during World War I. A significant cameo appearance is made by the young Kurt Goedel, a real mathematician whose work demonstrated that no mathematical system can be free of inconsistency.

Revelations and reversals peel out of an elaborate scenario in what becomes a poignant game.

The most satisfying tale for this reader "The Verdict on Ignatio Landstad Rasker," in which a Danish supreme court judge finds his lifelong service to the law challenged by the young author he has just convicted and sentenced for

homosexual perversion.

"Tales of the Night" provides fascinating evidence of Hoeg grappling with concepts that appear later in "Smilla's Sense of Snow." But these stories have their own almost anachronistic pleasure.

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> Katherine Dunn, author of "Geek Love" and other novels, wrote this for

Actress Gretchen Mol with her Hogan shoes.



BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

ONE of the best ways for a novice to improve is to play a session with an expert. A special opportunity arises when a club organizes a pro-am game in which the experts donate their time and try to make sure that their partners enjoy themselves and learn something.

Sixty pairs took part in such a game at the Honors Club in Manhattan. The winners were Ellion Grubman and Arlene Harriton, and everything was sweetness and light. Experts who normally snarl when their partners commit a stupidity simply smiled forgivingly.
On the diagramed deal, the problem

was how far to compete. East-West can make four diamonds, and if they reach that level it will pay North-South to continue to four hearts. That contract appears to have four top losers but South is favored by the gods: There is no way for the defense to take two club tricks. After two diamond leads, for example, South can cash the ace-queen of hearts, then play spades. With the heart king remain-

loser on the fourth round of spades. in three hearts, and the defense began with two feet. a diamond to the ace and a second diamond. South believed he had four sure losers and concerned himself with making nine tricks, not 10. Guarding against the possibility of all four hearts being on his right, some declarers led immediately to the heart king.

Now there was no genuine way for South to make more than nine tricks, for East can hold up the spade ace until the third round, leaving South with no way to avoid two club losers. In an expert game, West signals with the spade nine to show an even number, and East knows what to do.

However, in this game all the East players were novices, and could not be expected to cope with the signal-counthold-up situation. So all but one of the South players made 10 tricks anyway. In the odd case. East played low on the king and jack without the slightest hesita-

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Mass Graves in Bosnia Bolster War-Crimes Cases

By Mike O'Connor New York Times Service

KAMENICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Deep in a remote rural stretch of Bosnia, warcrimes investigators have found a tangle of buried bodies that they say is the remains of day on condition of anonymity. some of the 7,500 Muslim men that were hidden to try to thwart the prosecution of Bosnian Serb leaders for genocide.

Investigators for the war-crimes tribunal inally buried near the execution sites, then dug up and moved to more than 10 other places to try to hide the evidence.

Exhumations in 1996 recovered 480 bodies, but 7,500 others were still missing from the town of Srebrenica. Finding the others has been the goal of war-crimes investigators for more than two years.

The massacre was the worst war crime in Bosnia, which was wracked by a civil war from 1992 to 1995, and the worst in Europe in a half century. It raised added alarms because the town was supposedly being protected by the United Nations.

The discovery Tuesday - and the thou-

find nearby — will bolster the cases against two Bosnian Setb leaders, Radovan Karadzic brown, discolored, investigators said, by the and General Rarko Mladic, the investigators bodies. The smell made some of those digging say. Both have been indicted for genocide by cover their mouths. the tribunal in the Hague.

Investigators for the tribunal spoke Tues-

Satellites that can locate bodies decomposing underground, according to foreign military officers working with the tribunal, aided the search. Witnesses to the reburial contend that thousands of Muslims were orig- also offered testimony, tribunal officials

> The first remains were uncovered Tuesday morning. Investigators unfurled a thin silvery area because of land mines. sheet to protect their find from the sun. Next to it, small orange flags had been stuck in the ground to mark pieces of evidence such as bits of clothing or shell casings.

About six feet (1.83 meters) away, on what work. they considered one edge of the mass grave, forensic anthropologists and forensic archaeologists were digging a trench to try to gauge the length and depth of the grave. By early afternoon, the trench was 30 feet long and 6 feet deep and growing.

Investigators in blue jumpsuits had lightly sands of bodies that investigators expect to scraped off the topsoil with a small hoe. The

Gently then, with trowels and paint brushes, the scientists began to work their way down through the earth. They revealed dark splotches several feet long, created by the decomposition of nearly whole bodies. Then

came partial skeletons, skulls and leg bones. Separating the excavation site and the grass that runs into wooded thickets nearby was a stream of red and white tape. It was a warning to investigators not to step out of their work

Bosnia, are guarding the site. Small groups of them, sweating under their bulletproof vests, slipshod monitoring had allowed Bosnian Serb occasionally came by and observed the authorities to move the bodies undetected.

The site is about eight miles (13 kilometers) down a rocky track from a rural road. Every house visible from the track — all of them ted by the tribunal. Once the original sites formerly Muslim homes - was either badly

pots on fence posts as a warning that the fields burial sites, according to tribunal officials.

nearby were also mined.

Tuesday evening, according to a tribunal official, a layer of tangled bodies across an area of 200 square feet (18 square meters) had been exposed. The bones were so intertwined, the official said, that it was not possible to exhume any of them Tuesday.

Proving that the soil around the bodies came from the original mass graves, or that shell casings found here match those found at execution sites, will establish the connection they are looking for, investigators said.

When the original sites were inspected in 1996, investigators suspected most of the bodies had been moved. Doubts were cast on the American soldiers, who patrol this part of American military's satellite surveillance, with

Now, however, tribunal officials say the bodies were moved in October 1995, before the pinpoint satellite surveillance was requeswere discovered to have been tampered with, damaged or destroyed by fires or explosive charges set during the war.

American satellite photographs of the region were reviewed and were found to show trucks Along the track, people had stuck kitchen and earth-moving equipment at the original

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EU Questions Israeli Exports

BRUSSELS - The European Commission called Wednesday for the European Union to stop any imports from Israeli settlements in the occupied territories that benefit from trade privileges granted to Israel.

The EU executive adopted a policy paper that said there was evidence that exports from Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and from East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights were wrongly being granted pref. erential access to the huge EU market.

The paper said there was also evidence that many Palestinian products produced or processed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip were being exported to the EU as if they originated in Israel. Both practices would violate an agreement with Israel granting preferential access to the EU, it said.

In Jerusalem, Israel reacted sternly, saying the peace process will suffer if the policy is adopted. (Reuters)

French Lag on Nuclear Safety

PARIS — An official inquiry has blamed the French government and the country's electricity authority for safety breaches in the handling of nuclear waste.

A report issued Wednesday by the Nuclear Installations Safety Directorate said that the electricity authority EDF had been guilty of negligence dating to 1988. The state did not properly monitor the situation for several years until last year, it added.

But the report said breaches of safety norms for surface contamination did not appear to have had any impact on

Andre-Claude Lacoste, who heads the nuclear safety directorate, said the contamination illustrated "a lack of rigor" by the EDF. Waste containers should be cleaned more thoroughly and decontamination and monitoring had to be improved, he said.

Wounded Turk Conscious

ANKARA - Hospital officials said that Turkev's foremost human rights campaigner, Akin Birdal, regained consciousness on Wednesday after he was shot and critically wounded by two men.

"He is conscious now and communicating," a hospital spokesman said. "He is breathing normally, but that doesn't mean he is out of danger."

Mr. Birdal, head of the Human Rights Association, was shot several times in the chest and leg by two gunmen in his office in Ankara on Tuesday.

The shooting followed death threats after accusations in the media that he was linked to outlawed Kurdish separatists.

Italian Mudslide Toll Now 142

ROME — At least 142 people are known to have died in the mudslides that engulfed villages in southern fully last week, according to a new toll made public by Italian civil defense headquarters Wednesday.

More bodies were discovered at Samo, the town that bore the brunt of the mudslide in the southern region of Campania. The discovery brings to 120 the number of

dead from the town. Civil defense officials said that 136 people were still unaccounted for.



Gro Harlem Brundtland, new director of WHO.

Brundtland, as WHO Chief, Pledges Attack on Malaria

GENEVA -- Gro Harlem Brundtland pledged a blitz on malaria and an immediate revamp of the World Health Organization after she was confirmed as its new directorgeneral on Wednesday.

She promised to tackle the problems of the UN health agency quickly. "WHO can and must change," she said. "It must become more effective, more accountable, more transparent and more receptive to a changing world."

Delegates at the 191-nation World Health Assembly, in a secret ballot, cast 166 votes on Wednesday in favor of confirming Mrs. Brundtland's nomination for the job.

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Milosevic and Kosovo Leader to Meet

Holbrooke Calls Agreement to Talk a 'Procedural Breakthrough'

The Associated Press BELGRADE — President Slobodan Milosevic and the leader of Kosovo's ethnic Albanians agreed Wednesday to talks in what a U.S. envoy described as 'an important procedural break-

Richard Holbrooke, the envoy who brokered the 1995 peace pact in Bosnia, used shuttle diplomacy to get Mr. Milosevic to agree to sit down with Ibrahim Rugova, the ethnic-Albanian leader, for the first time on Friday.

In announcing the talks, he stressed that there was still no hint of a compromise to end the worsening daily bloodshed in Serbia's separatist province. More than 150 people have been killed in Kosovo since Serbian policemen began a crackdown on Feb. 28.

The vast differences between the two sides remain as wide as ever," Mr. Holbrooke said, adding that the crisis still "could escalate into something worse than Bosnia before Dayton."

In a concession to Mr. Milosevic, who has resisted international pressure for foreign mediation over Kosovo, no outside mediators will be present when talks start Friday in Belgrade. Subsequent meetings between the two will be held within a week in both Belgrade and Pristina, the capital of Kosovo.

five days of talks in Yugoslavia by Mr. Kosovo Liberation Army, a group that Holbrooke and another American en- emerged in 1996 and is gaining ground.

voy, Robert Gelbard. President Bill Clinton, visiting Ger-dence, which foreign powers also do not many for the 50th anniversary of the support because border changes tradi-Berlin Airlift, welcomed the announce-

"This is a sober first step towards resolving a very dangerous conflict that optimism that might arise from Wedclearly has the potential to spill over into neighboring countries and destabilize the region. Mr. Clinton said. "The road ahead will be long and difficult." he said. "The danger that

The United States is now seeking a meeting of the Contact Group of foreign powers to review the situation with the possibility of lifting some of the sanc-

tions imposed on Yugoslavia.

Mr. Milosevic's office issued a statement through the official Tanjug press agency saying he had issued the in-vitation to Mr. Rugova to overcome harmful and "unnecessary" delays in the dialogue between the two sides.

Ethnic-Albanian officials had a muted reaction, confirming the meeting but saying it is only a first step toward their ultimate goal of serious negotiations. They emphasized that Mr. Rugova will advocate independence for Kosovo in his talks with Mr. Milosevic. The two are not known to have met before.

The violence in Kosovo threatens to talks with Mr. Rugova. turn into full-scale war between heavily The agreement was the outcome of armed Serbian policemen and the opposed any new punitive measures.

Balkans.

fighting will increase and metastase across borders remains high." He added, "The stakes are enor-

The Serbs firmly rule out indepen-

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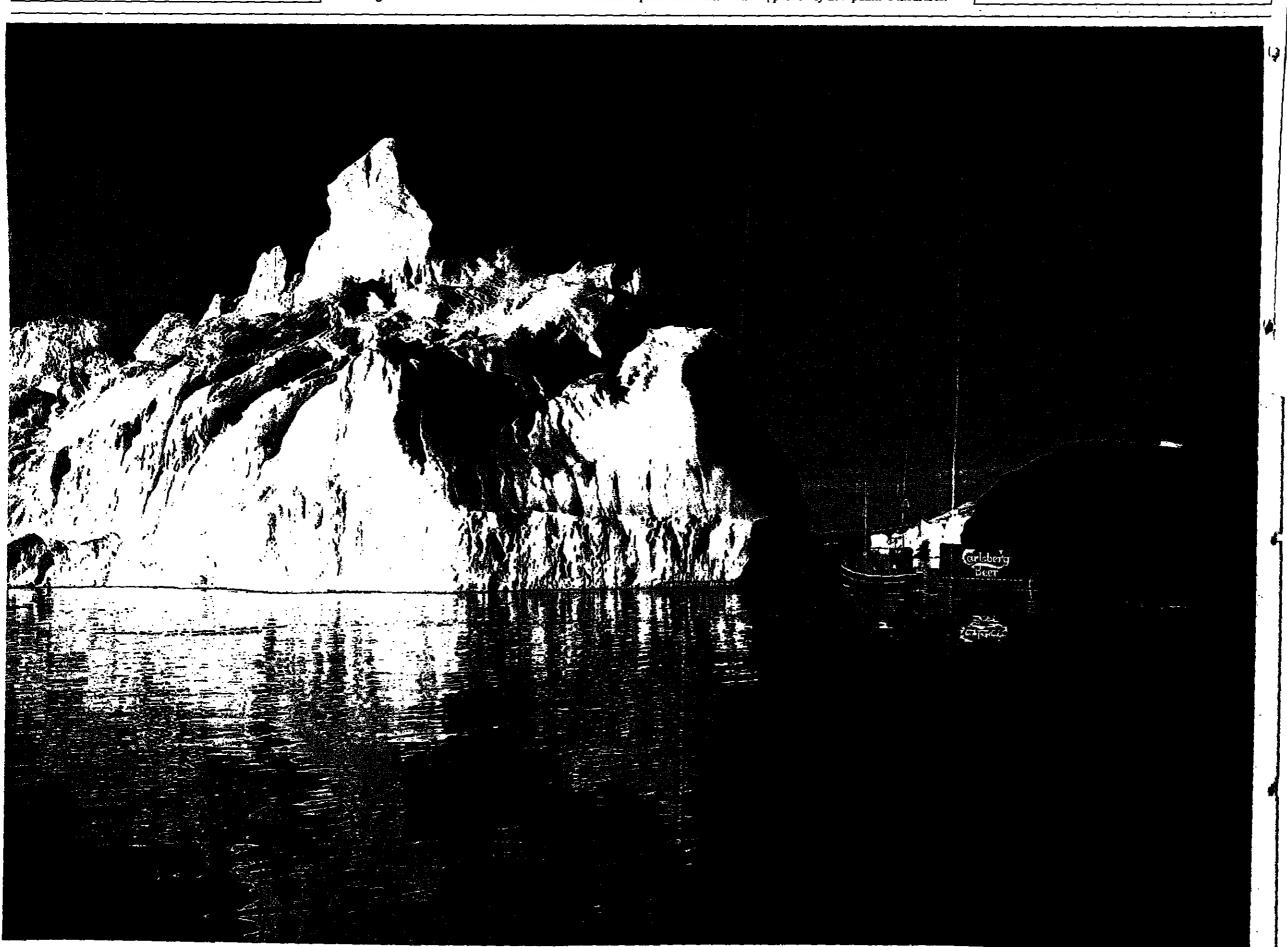
Mr. Holbrooke tried to temper any

■ Contact Group Plans Meeting

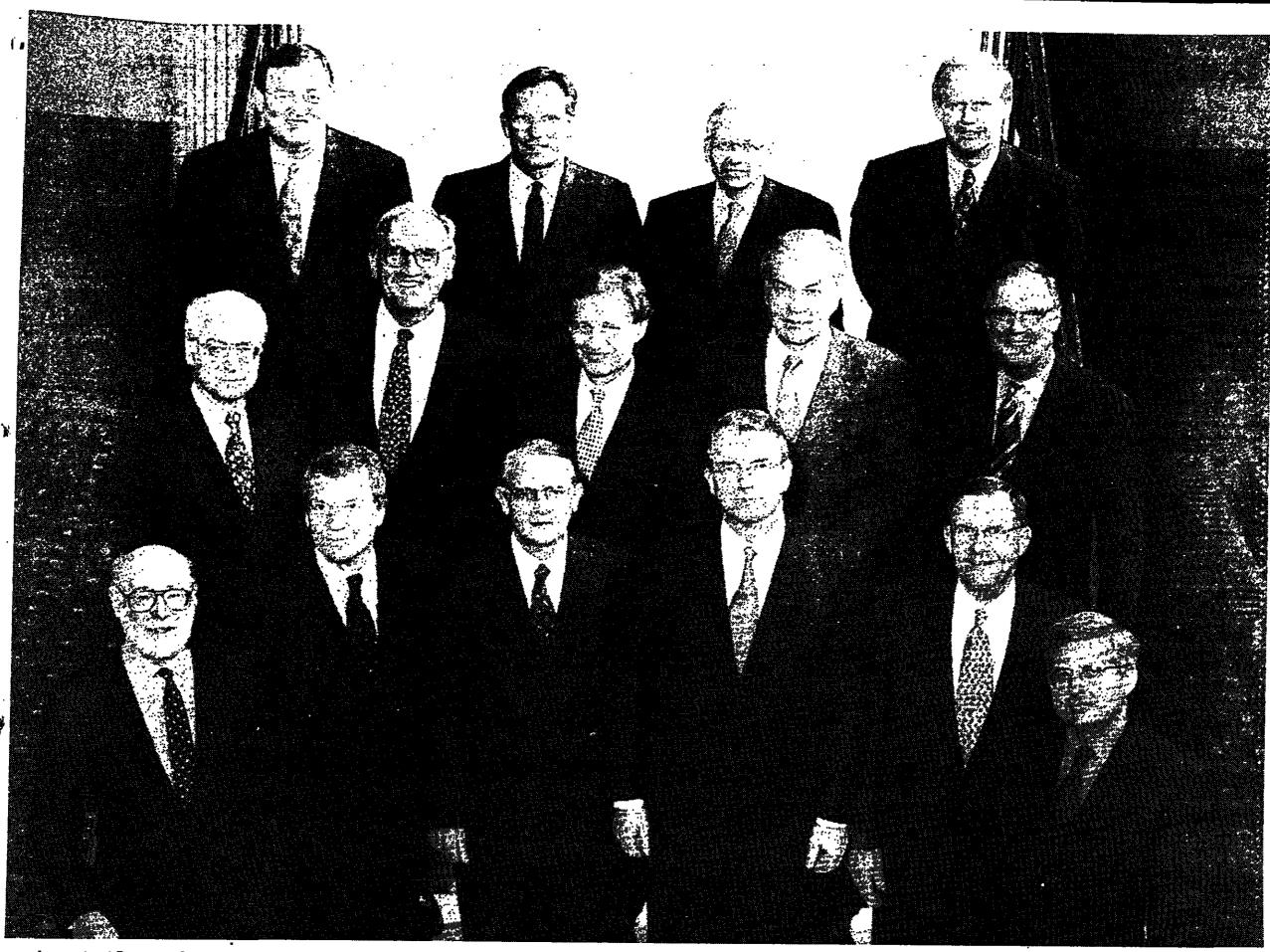
The six-nation Contact Group on former Yugoslavia will meet this weekend in the light of the latest developments in Kosovo, Agence France-Presse reported from Bonn on Wednesday,

quoting Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel. The Contact Group, comprising the United States, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, and Britain, last met in London on Saturday. Five nations, excepting Russia, agreed at the meeting to impose new economic sanctions on Belgrade over its refusal to accept mediation in

Russia, a traditional ally of Belgrade,



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Rude Indian Blasts

Bad for the World

India's explosion of nuclear devices in the Rajasthan desert makes the world a more dangerous place.

By arrogantly challenging internalional efforts to control the spread of the most lethal weapons, the new Hindu nationalist government of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee may win applause at home from those who confuse military might with self-esteem. But for a paltry and short-lived domestic gain. India now faces a ruinous cutoff in foreign aid, a self-defeating arms race with Pakistan and

isolation even from friends. With an economy that is slowing down, India needs help to ease its crushing poverty and overcome its many ethnic divisions. Yet President Bill Clinton has no choice, legally or morally, but to impose broad economic sanctions, as he said on Tuesday he -would do.

Such an action properly is to include a ban on military sales and assistance, foreign aid and bank loans to the government. Federal law also compels the United States to oppose loans and tech-'nical assistance from the World Bank and other financial institutions, which supply billions of dollars in credits vital to India's solvency.

Mr. Clinton has sought to improve relations with India and was planning to make the first presidential visit to India in 20 years this fall. But he should

- India might still clear the way for a useful visit if it stopped testing and signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. It could justify such a step by citing China and France, which tested nuclear weapons a few years ago, provoking an international outcry, and then declared that they would sign the treaty. It was India's founding prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, who first proposed such a treaty a generation ago, and it is not too late for India to redeem his vision. Pakistan has said

A Perilous Example

India's nuclear weapons tests assault the controlled nuclear universe that the United States has been trying to build for 50 years. In this scheme, a handful of nuclear powers would ensure that others did not join the club, nor lose for not joining. It worked pretty well. Three other states - India, Pakistan, Israel — had moved toward nuclear status but paused short of full and declared membership. This is the arrangement India has now broken by its first testing - this time unambiguously of weapons - since 1974. er is that its defiance of nonproliferation standards will stir others to follow suit.

An inexperienced Hindu nationalist government with great-power ambitions took office last month. In a setting of tension (of different sorts) with both regional rival Pakistan and strategic rival China, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee undertook to review nuclear policy and exercise India's long-available nuclear option if necessary. American officials asked New Delhi for "dialogue and discretion" and were told there was no "rush." These Indian assurances were overtaken even before that it would sign if India goes along. India has much to be proud of as the world's most populous democracy. But its bitter colonial legacy has made Indian leaders distrustful of outside powers, especially those with nuclear weapons that lecture others about nuclear restraint.

India justifies its latest tests by citing the military threat from its neighbors to the north and west. But beyond minor border disputes, China has no hostile designs on India.

It is deplorable that China has aided Pakistan with its military program, but Pakistan, with or without nuclear weapons, is more than matched by India's conventional and nuclear capacity. By testing a weapon now, India is likely to provoke Pakistan and plunge both sides into more arms programs that neither can afford.

Less than a decade after the end of the Cold War, the gravest threat of nuclear war is now shaping up in South Asia. As if to show sensitivity to global opinion, Mr. Vajpayee indicated that India had not yet moved to convert its capability into actual weapons. Mr. Clinton should seek India's pledge to exercise restraint in developing nuclear warheads and in testing missiles capable of delivering them.

Mr. Clinton can also press China to stop the flow of technology to Pakistan and thus reassure India about its security concerns.

It is fashionable in some circles to say that India and Pakistan are capable of managing their nuclear relationship, just as the United States and the Soviet Union did throughout the Cold War. But the superpowers were lucky to avoid a war in 1962, and they built up an elaborate regimen of safeguards to preserve the peace, which India and Pakistan lack. In the end, the Soviet Union collapsed under the weight of its efforts to keep up militarily.

For India to avoid that fate, it must seek safety in arms control and restraint, not in a nuclear buildup. — THE NEW YORK TIMES.

the policy review was fairly launched. The Indian military-scientific complex made sure that inquiring American officials and satellites got no advance sign. The CIA heard the news from CNN.

Frightened Pakistan, fearful of being overwhelmed by giant India, had promised an "equal response" to an Indian nuclear surge. It now comes under immense domestic pressure to respect that unhappy pledge.

American law mandates early and severe economic sanctions against non-nuclear countries that test. President Bill Clinton seemed to suggest on Tuesday that first he wanted to try to talk India into finally signing the pending test ban treaty, the very treaty for whose terms the Indians have just shown their contempt. It is important to get the order of events straight.

India has taken a huge slam at the United States and at the whole global campaign of nonproliferation. Sanctions are a blunt instrument, but they have a punitive impact and are crucial to American credibility. It is not for Washington to take the global heat off India. It is for India, a nation supposedly otherwise bent on economic modernization, to find its own way back from its nuclear irresponsibility.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Aircraft Inspections

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration displayed good reflexes last week when it was confronted with fuel-pump wiring problems in older Boeing 737s. It ordered inspections of all the oldest aircraft - those with more than 50,000 hours of flight within seven days when faulty wiring was discovered in a Continental Airlines 737. When new cases of damaged wiring appeared, the agency grounded those planes.

The FAA's performance in this emergency underscores the need for a broader program for inspecting all older aircraft. The objective would be to discover or anticipate unseen defects in wiring and other nonstructural systems before a mechanic spots them in an aircraft hangar.

The White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security recommended such a program last year. An FAA plan reflecting that advice is ex-

pected this summer. The FAA should now give nonstructural systems like wiring the same care it has given to an aircraft's structural components since 1988, when corrosion that was not visible during routine maintenance caused an Aloha Airlines 737 to lose parts of its cabin roof. That accident led the FAA to create an Airworthiness Assurance Working Group to focus on structural fatigue.

The White House commission noted that the average age of America's com-mercial aircraft fleet was rising and that many craft remained in service beyond their minimum guaranteed level of service, which the panel pegged at about 20 years.

As the planes age, so do their unseen nonstructural systems - electrical wiring, connectors, cables, fuel and hydraulic lines, and electro-mechanical devices like pumps and sensors. These systems clearly need the same timely and comprehensive screening long given to more visible parts of the aircraft.

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India Startles the World and Stands Up to China

NEW DELHI — When Defense Minister George Fernandes recently made statements calling China a bigger threat than Pakistan and describing how his country was being "encircled" by Chinese military activities and alliances, he broke an Indian taboo against speaking up on Beijing.

reaction from China and critics at home. Now, even before the controversy ebbs. India has astounded the world by lifting its quarter-century-old veil of atomic ambiguity and conducting nuclear tests.

India demonstrated its capability to manufacture the most modern nuclear weapons — thermonuclear, boostedfission and low-yield types. India has gate-crashed the nuclear club, presenting a fait accompli to the world. No sanctions can undo this development.

barely two years after inflicting a humiliating defeat on India. Whether or not Mr. Fernandes's forthright remarks on China were designed to build public justification for

China has been central to Indian

nuclear planning ever since China cur-

ried out its first atomic test in 1964,

the subsequent warhead tests, the reaction at home was revealing. The critics did not dispute his facts: China's continuing nuclear and missile assistance to Pakistan, its establishment of electronic listening posts in Burma to monitor Indian air and naval

By Brahma Chelianey

activity and missile test firings, and its stockpiling of nuclear weapons in Tibet. Their criticism was that he stated India's concerns in public.

The furor showed that India has yet His outspokeness provoked a fierce to recover from the 1962 rout that deeply scarred its national psyche. The Chinese attack from two separate fronts was intended, in the words of Prime Minister Zhou Enlai, "to teach India a lesson." That it did.

For more than 35 years, India has been fearful to speak up on China, even as the latter has gone about undermining its security. Instead, Indian bravado has been directed at its smaller neighbor, Pakistan.

India clearly suffers from a batteredvictim syndrome. It needs to overcome fear, accept that it was not responsible for inviting the assault, and deter another attack. Three nuclear bangs should go a long way in boosting its confidence in relation to China.

The rapid rise of an increasingly powerful and assertive China poses a major challenge. When China was weak and economically backward, it gobbled up Tibet, bringing its forces to India's doorstep before furtively en-croaching on Indian territories. A strong and prosperous China will cast an increasingly bigger shadow over India.
India has been getting meager re-

turns on its policy of rapprochement, initiated after the 1986-1987 border skirmishes. That policy was designed to increase India's strategic space by buying peace with one of its two principal adversaries. But 10 years later, India finds itself even more confined to

the subcontinent than before. The policy has allowed India to be strategically cornered through stepped up Chinese activity in Pakistan, Burma and Tibet. India's technological advantages over Pakistan have been neutralized by covert Chinese exports. Chinese military incursions are occurring at new points along the disputed Himalayan border.

China has shown little interest in resolving the border problem, because that helps keep India under its strategic thumb. Even the line of control remains ill-defined, with Beijing still not ex-changing maps with India showing re-

spective border military positions.

India has acquiesced in the forcible Chinese takeover of Tibet, a self-governing land until 1950, but official Chinese maps still show India's Ar-unachal Pradesh state as Chinese territory and Sikkim as independent.
Indian diplomacy has been ineffect-

ive mainly because New Delhi has not sought to build leverage against China. It has been unwilling to play its Tibet card. Whenever it hosts a high-level Chinese delegation, it breaks up peaceful Tibetan protests.

New Delhi made a grievous mistake in the 1950-1962 period, betraying Tibet and then being betrayed by China. A unilateral desire for reconciliation cannot buy peace.

India's cooing in the past decade has not won it Chinese friendship but has enabled Beijing to engage and contain New Delhi simultaneously, with the engagement serving as a nice facade to accelerated containment.

History shows that enduring peace comes only if a state can defend peace. India's new overt nuclear-weapons status should help exorcise its fear of China and instill assertiveness.

Stable relations between the world's: largest democracy and the world's largest autocracy are critical to Asian and global security.

Deep engagement with Beijing will enable India to better read Chinese capabilities and intentions and better advance its interests.

What India needs is a clearheaded China policy underpinned by leverage, gained both from external strategic relationships and domestic military and economic muscle. The only language China understands and respects is one based on national strength.

The writer, a professor of security studies at the privately funded Center. for Policy Research in New Delhi, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

But We Thought India Was Turning Into a Constructive Partner

By Gerald Segai

ONDON - India becomes the sixth declared nuclear power. Just when we thought we were making progress in denuclearizing the world, India risks taking us back up the ladder of escalation. But the military risks can be exaggerated.

The most long-term damage will be done to the prospects for the fifth of mankind that lives in India to play a full part in the prosperity of the global

Having one more nuclear weapons power is not a fundamental challenge to global security. And India does have real security concerns about a nuclear-armed China, and a fair complaint that the declared nuclear powers have not moved fast enough to reduce their own arsenals.

India's actions are less un-

clear trend in recent years toward cutting nuclear arsenals. Both India and Pakistan seemed to have settled for a "screwdriver" nuclear capacity — both sides merely one turn of a screwdriver away from having a nuclear weapon. Now the domestic pressure will be on Pakistani leaders to formally become the world's seventh declared nuclear power, which would mean in-

dangerous arms race. There will be also an increase in diplomatic tension as the United States and other powers talk about sanctions and gripe about each other's behavior as suppliers of dangerous technologies to South Asian nuclear powers.

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The risks of actual nuclear derstandable in the light of the war should not be overdrawn.

But those of us who have argued for years that the West should take India more seriously as a constructive player in international affairs will now have to reconsider. What we see is a nationalist government that makes South Asia

a more risky place. To the extent that there was support in the West for taking India more seriously, it was based on the notion that here was a country that was finally appreciating the virtues of interdependence and would be a more constructive player in the global economy.

A nationalist and risky India projects the opposite image. Foreign investors will see India as a less safe bet — a sad outcome, especially given that Pacific Asia's economic crises might have led some to look

more favorably on investment in India

In addition to any Western sanctions, there will be damage to India's prospects for receiving investment and trade. If the United States, along with a nuclear-averse Japan.

blocks aid and loans from the World Bank and other institutions, India will not collapse. but it will be poorer than it was before the tests. ·India can certainly expect to see more restrictions on trade

in high technology. In the past few years we had been edging toward closer high-tech cooperation between the United States and India, but none of that will now be possible. Those Americans who ar-

gued for an incentive strategy in high-fech transfer as a way of keeping India from becoming a declared nuclear power will now retreat.

In short, India has confirmed the worst images of outsiders of a country out of touch with the new principles of a post-Cold War world.

The greatest sadness will be felt by friends who had come to believe that India could become a major player in the global economy - a power on a par with China but far more amenable to Western interests. President Bill Clinton, who

will surely now cancel his planned trip to India scheduled for the autumn, will be reminded during his Beijing summit in June that at least China has stopped its nuclear tests. India and the world are less secure and poorer.

The writer, director of studies at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Stop Bickering and Get On With This Korean Salvage

By Aidan Foster-Carter

LEEDS, England — Just occasionally, North Korea does us all a favor. Such was the case on May 8, when a Foreign Ministry spokesman warned that Pyongyang might resume the nuclear activity which almost unleashed a second Korean War in early summer 1994.

The threat was timed to coincide with one of the regular meetings between North Korea and the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, KEDO. It draws attention to the worrying fact that one of the great triumphs of recent U.S. foreign policy is being irrespons-ibly jeopardized — by petty and all too public bickering, both in

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this crucial peacekeeping body. The 1993-1994 crisis over North Korea's nuclear activities was defused by a remarkable deal, the Geneva agreement of October 1994. Pyongyang froze its nuclear program, and the United States set up KEDO to provide compensation in the form of two light water reactors. plus half a million tons of fuel oil per year for the decade or so that the two new nuclear power sta-

tions would take to build. This was not how Washington usually tackles rogue states. Yet KEDO has turned out a huge success — not just in Washington and between the averting war and defusing the United States and its South crisis, but in transforming the Korean and Japanese allies, over nuclear issue from Korea's how to share the modest costs of worst risk to its best hope.

Slippery Green Slope to Nativism

By Virginia Postrel

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As a consortium whose core members besides America are South Korea and Japan, KEDO has been a pioneer in Korean cooperation, at a time when Pyongyang officially would have nothing to do with Seoul. It was a hard slog. North

Korea long resisted having the South as actual supplier of the light water reactors for generating electricity, but in the end it yielded. Since then, matters have progressed in a pragmatic and businesslike manner that seems light-years away from the usual snarling on the peninsula.

Thus every month tankers load some 40,000 tons of oil in South Korean refineries, which they then deliver to the North.

condemn immigration, but he

has no trouble denouncing

trade: "We should demand

that the Safeway in Idaho

carry only native potatoes.

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If we should buy only na-

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guments for "radical local-

ism" can be turned to serve

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tition and mobility. They

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support restrictions on tech-

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recognize the nativism in their

midst, but they are a long way

The writer is editor of Rea-

son magazine and author of

the forthcoming "The Future and Its Enemies." She con-

tributed this comment to the

from fully rejecting it.

A cultural-political move-

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All of Mr. Werbach's ar-

value immigrants offer?

To its opponents, immigra-

local culture."

case for labor.

now more than 100 South Korean engineers have been living at the reactor site at Kumho on North Korea's east coast, working with northern colleagues who are astonished by their salary levels and sophisticated tools.

Any crises, such as a newspaper picture of Kim Jong II found lining a trash bin, have been swiftly dealt with — as have all the myriad practicalities of cooperation that a major project of this kind would entail in any country. In this field, if nowhere else, Pyongyang has proved itself a businesslike negotiating partner.

Hard to believe, then, that a venture as valuable as this may be at risk for want of a mere \$47 million. Compare that to the \$57 billion package that the United States pressed the IMF to put together to stem South Korea's financial panic last year.

Yet KEDO is broke, or at least has a liquidity crisis. Recent oil shipments have been financed by borrowing, because the U.S. Congress refuses to approve funding, and some deliveries have been late. This is what prompted Pyongyang's outburst last week.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, on a recent lightning trip to East Asia, pressed Japan and South Korea to provide some of this cash. Both refused, citing not only current financial woes but a larger bone of con-tention over KEDO.

More remarkable still, for a year

The eventual bill for the two lion. Seoul and Tokyo have informally agreed to shoulder 70 and 20 percent of this, respectively; the remaining 10 percent has yet to be assigned.

In Seoul, it has long rankled that the United States has committed not a cent to the reactors. So Mrs. Albright's request for oil money, now of all times, did not go down well. True, this is not the most tact-

ful moment for an economically flush United States to rattle the can in debt-ridden Seoul. Yet Washington, too, is irritated. and rightly. It has to deal with a shortsighted South Korean pettiness which matches that on Capitol Hill.

Neither side seems to grass just how successful KEDO has been, nor how crucial it remains to peace and progress on the peninsula. Never more so than now, when the risk of a North Korean collapse, never mind an invasion, could be the last straw for Seoul's fragile economic restructuring.
In this context, \$5.2 billion is

a cheap investment in peace and stability. When Kim Dae Jung visits Washington next month. it is to be hoped that KEDO's burden-sharing will be sorted out once for all.

The writer is honorary senior research fellow on modern Korea at Leeds University. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Badge Craze

PARIS - The badge and button craze is again upon us. After the last election there was a subsidence of the mania, for the want of something to feed on; but now that something has been found. Behold the revival! In the pending war, in the situation of the United States, Cuba and Spain the badge makers find a motive, and a strong one, that they have been alert enough to take advantage of. The result is in evidence on every hand on the street corner, in store windows, on lapels of men and the belts and bows of women.

1923: War Recalled

PARIS — M. Poincaré, speak-ing at the unveiling of a war monument at Commercy (Meuse), recalled the sufferings of the frontier provinces at the hands of German invaders throughout the ages and said that

their inhabitants were not among those who imagined that because a treaty had been drawn up and signed, peace became a reality. They are bound to remember the repeated warnings of history when Germany, after making the most solemn pledges, is cynically repudiating them.

1948: British Mandate LONDON - Britain ends its

thirty-year rule in Palestine to-morrow [May-14]. Official govemment reaction is contained in a statement issued tonight by the Foreign Office. It concludes: Although British responsibility for Palestine has ceased, it is the earnest hope of His Majesty's Government that as both sides come to realize the tragic consequences of attempting to conquer Palestine by force, some compromise may yet be possible which will enable the people of Palestine to live at peace and to

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eds Up to China.

By Michael Kelly

WASHINGTON — The end of the American century is a hungry time, filled with small nations aching with desire to be larger than their small part of the small nations aching with desire to be larger than their small nations aching with the new, good-neighborly problem of China desire to be larger than they are. From Beijing to Moscow to Baghdad to Tehran to Istanbul 10 New Delhi, ambitious souls dream tin-pot dreams of a ambinous do more than dream. They build and they buy.

time, the United States more swath of eastern India. or less kept the wraps on the weapons of mass destruction that it invented to win the appeared on television. Recallgreat fight between democ- ing India's brief and humiliracy and totalitarianism. Five ating 1962 border war with nations — the United States, China, he said that India had made the mistake of failing to France — declaredly possessed the bomb, and three tentions and that it was not goothers - India, Pakistan and Israel — possessed it but did not formally admit so.

They did not because the United States applied im- review of the defense policy." mense pressure to anyone exhibiting nuclear ambition. But when the great fight ease. Now, the wraps are nearly completely off. The historians who chronical three devices under the desert historians who chronicle the next century's wars will look back on the Clinton era as the age of proliferation, when the power to deliver mass death was allowed to spread from

the few to the many. A case can be made that there is not much that could have stopped this. The territorial and even imperial ambitions that the Cold War froze sistance that the White House were bound to thaw, and as they did not notice - officially. thawed, they were bound to expand. But, if something could have been done, this admin- and he says he will punish

ation restrictions by China, that the United States stop aid Russia, and various European and credit to a nation that companies. It has done so, as behaves as India has. the president recently hinted in unusually candid remarks, because it does not wish to admit truths that would trigger antiproliferation sanctions that will be no fudging and waiv-might get in the way of trade. ering this time. Of course that

People's Republic of China was nothing to worry about. India noticed that China had deployed nuclear missiles in Tibet. It noticed that China new world order that is not the had improved its missile ca-American Century II. And the pacities, thanks to Clinton administration assistance. And it noticed that China had nev-For a commendably long er renounced its claim to a

On May 3, India's defense minister, George Fernandes, made the mistake of failing to ing to make the mistake again. Of India's long-standing lowprofile nuclear policy, he said, "We believe we need to make a

The review did not take long. On Monday, India, which had not exploded a nuclear weapon from the Pakistan border.

The White House said that it was surprised, which is doubtless true. Pakistan, which fears India as India fears China, said it was deeply concerned. But not to worry, Pakistan has its nuclear program too, a program that has received lots of assistance in recent years from China, as-

Now the president is suddenly "deeply disturbed," istration certainly did not do it.
For years, it has looked the other way from increasingly oblatant violations of proliferation prevention.

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Only a few weeks ago he was grousing about how sanctions laws force him to "fudge" reality and issue waivers. But there Just because the United may be because this particular States chooses to look the oth-

er way does not mean that Washington Post Writers Group.

OPINION/LETTERS

The Proliferation Age, The Telegraph Clerk Held Up the News of Israel's Birth

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Complete With Fudge

JERUSALEM — The termination of the British mandate in Palestine was set for midnight, May 14, 1948. A few hours before this epoch-making event, David Ben Gurion proclaimed the independence of the state of Israel. A few hours later, the sec-retary-general of the Arab League informed the secretary-general of the

United Nations that the Arab states had decided to take up arms against the state of Israel as of May 15.

The ceremony of the Proclamation of Independence was brief, austere and solemn. When we left the

assembly hall, the Tel Aviv museum, Moshe Sharen, Israel's foreign minister designate, curtly instructed me to present myself at 8:00 P.M. sharp at the "Foreign Ministry."
A preparatory committee had allocated two rooms to our ministry in

an old building by the seashore. It was known as the "red house," not for the ideology inside but for its pinkish exterior paint. The fact that it had housed a branch of the Haganah's high command was not a matter of common knowledge. Mr. Sharett went to work without

preliminaries. His staff consisted of two aides: Eiga Shapira, the secre-tary, and myself. I was entrusted with a dazzling variety of assignments. One of them was to answer the tele-phone with the inevitable "Shalom" and the less credible "Misrad ha Chur: — "The Foreign Ministry."
The invariable reply was, "We

don't want to speak to what's-your-name, please hurry and transfer us to Moshe Sharett." People felt they had to make up for a lot of time lost during the past two millennia.

A more erudite occupation to

By Gideon Rafael

which I was assigned was to make up a list of the capitals of the world to be officially informed of the es-tablishment of the state of Israel. My reference library consisted of a respectable atlas and an old edition of The Statesman's Year Book. Mr. Sharett, sitting in his corner, was immersed in composing the tele-grams. The only interruption he allowed himself was to down, at fixed

intervals, cups of piping hot tea. From the very hour of its creation, Israel had to fend for its place among the nations. It emerged in awe but in solitude. It seemed that Mr. Sharett was absorbed in these thoughts as he

MEANWHILE

labored on his drafts. He produced a beautifully written but rather lengthy manifesto. When we tranirreverently, that the number of words in the telegram equaled the time ticked away. Then, suddenly, he had read in the

excluded the Arab states, more for entrusted with the establishment of the them officially of the establishment of Israel and the peaceful intentions of its the telegrams and charge us later. government, but all the Arab capitals had severed their lines of commu-

nication with the new state.

At 2 A.M. we had completed our work, and were resting with a happy feeling of "mission accomplished." But soon we were jolted out of our change, knew where Mr. Sharef complacency. We had sent a driver could be found in Tel Aviv. I went

to the Tel Aviv Central Post Office. He returned them — undispatched. The postal clerk had refused to accept

the cables without cash payment.

The thought of such petty mercantilism at Israel's finest hour had never occurred to us. Even if it had, we were not in a position to do anything about it. We did not even possess our own stationary. Our only equipment was a typewriter and a tea kettle.

I telephoned the man who was holding up the happy news of Israel's birth and tried to impress upon him that destiny had chosen him to play a historic role. My wooing was of no avail. He worked to rule, and the rule book was still that of the British administration. Of course, he knew that the state of Israel had been proclaimed, but he was less certain about the existence of an institution that called itself the

Promised Land. saw the light. He had read in the Meanwhile I had prepared the list of the recipients of the telegrams. It of the recipients of the telegrams. It of the recipients of the telegrams. It of the recipients of the telegrams are of Seev Sharef who had been technical than ideological reasons. We new governmental administration. If I felt no harm could be done by advising could provide him with an authorization from this man, he would send

"For heaven's sake, where can I find Sharef at three o'clock in the morning?" I asked him, exasperated.
"That's your problem." he replied.

Mr. Sharett, who had listened intently to this first diplomatic ex-

there, woke him up and explained our predicament. He wrote the redeeming note, hardly concealing his pride in the nocturnal recognition of his authority. In no time at all the wires were humming with the pro-clamation of Israel's birth.

At dawn, Israel received its first signal of foreign recognition. The Egyptian Air Force bombed Tel Aviv's airfield and power station.

An exhilarating message arrived from Washington. President Harry Truman announced the de facto recognition of the state of Israel and its government. The Soviet Union followed suit. Dispensing with juridical subtleties, it granted full de jure recognition. A spate of similar messages arrived from capitals all over the world. over the world.

Soon it was decided that I would assist Abba Eban, Israel's first representative and spokesman at the United Nations. I spent my last day in Tel Aviv, May 18, in a series of meetings. The chief of military op-

erations, General Yigal Yadin, gave a situation report. The Arab armies were closing in from the south, east and north. The situation of besieged Jerusalem, pounded by Jordanian artillery, was grave. The army stores were at their lowest, but the fighting spirit was incredibly high. General Yadin concluded that if military supplies arrived in time and in sufficient quantities, the defense forces could

repel the combined Arab attack.
Colonel Mickey Marcus, an
American Jewish volunteer with wide combat and staff experience, added that he believed the Arab war machine would soon run out of steam. Colonel Marcus sent me off in good spirit: "If your fellows will pass on the ammunition and hold the front of New York, we shall win." Not everybody shared his opti-

mism. But nobody thought that half a century later the Arab-Israel conflict would still await its comprehensive resolution.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who Will Punish India?

In response to "Dismayed, U.S. tudies Sanctions," (May 12):

By conducting nuclear test explo-sions, India has defied the international community, the overwhelming majority of which supports the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. The response to this regrettable chal-

lenge must be international.
In 1992, the president of the UN Security Council stated, on behalf

of its members, that proliferation of weapons of mass destruction would constitute a threat to international peace and security, and that appropriate action would be taken. It remains to be seen whether the United Nations will live up to this commitment to uphold the inter-national nonproliferation regime and apply the coercive measures provided for in the UN Charter.

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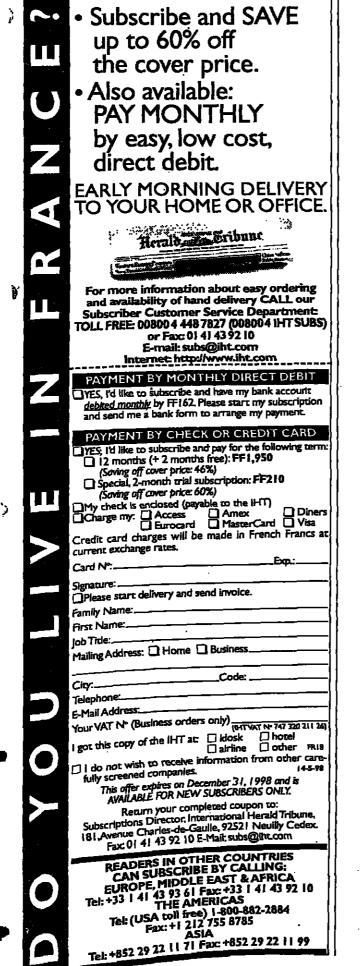
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American Spy Watchdogs Slept Through India's Test Preparations

By R. Jeffrey Smith Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — A U.S. spy satellite clearly depicted activity last week at India's remote desert nuclear test site, but U.S. intelligence officials scrutinizing the images failed to launch inquiries on Tuesday into the agency's discern that India was preparing to conduct the three nuclear blasts it set off Monday, according Key U.S. policymakers said they did not know to several sources.

midnight in Washington on Sunday, six hours before the tests, no CIA warning was issued because the U.S. analysts responsible for tracking the Indian nuclear program had not expected the tests and were not on alert, several officials said.

They were, according to a senior official, asleep at their homes and did not see the pictures until they arrived at work in the morning. As a result, President Bill Clinton and other White House officials did not learn of the preparations until after the blasts had occurred, when news services carried accounts of a public acknowledgment by the Indian prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

When the White House subsequently asked the intelligence community," he said.

SANCTIONS:

Clinton Gives Order

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accused the administration of favoring

China over India, the world's largest

"I'm curious about this one-sided im-

balance, this anti-Indian bias and this

willingness to forgive the Chinese anything," he said. Mr. Gingrich called Mr.

Clinton's announcement of sanctions "a

failure of U.S. intelligence agencies to

bring Indian test preparations to the

White House's attention in time to

Mr. Clinton tempered a strong de-nunciation of the underground tests with

a call for India, as "a very great country," to show restraint. "This demands

an unambiguous response from the U.S.," he said in a news conference with

Mr. Kohl in Potsdam. "It is unjustified

and clearly creates dangerous instability

million in foreign aid to India this year,

ban U.S. bank loans to the Indian gov-

ernment and restrict exports of equip-

ment with possible military uses. It will

also instruct its delegation to vote

against India in the World Bank, where it

is the largest borrower, and the Inter-

national Monetary fund. Humanitarian

A World Bank official said Wednes-

The United States will cut off \$142

launch a diplomatic protest.

Legislators were also critical of the

great overreaction.'

in the region."

aid is unaffected.

due to start June 30.

to earn respect.

· behind, is just wrong," he said.

of America's closest allies.

position to sanctions.

spokesman said.

The ordering of sanctions places the

-Clinton administration in a difficult po-

sition with its allies and critics in Con-

Penalties against such countries as Iraq, Iran and Cuba — and in some cases

against foreign companies that traded

with those nations — have angered some

Mr. Clinton's spokesman acknowl-

edged the U.S. isolation on sanctions in

comments early Monday, "Most of those

other industrialized nations," said the

spokesman, Michael McCurry, "don't

believe in using economic power as a

lever in diplomacy the way we do."
Russia said Wednesday that it was

alarmed by the latest development but

'did not back away from its earlier op-

France, which faced similar outrage

over the nuclear tests it conducted in the

South Pacific in 1995 and 1996, criticized

India but said that it opposed U.S. sanc-

summoned the Indian ambassador to

complain about the tests. But a spokes-

man for Prime Minister Tony Blair said

Britain would take no immediate pu-

nitive steps against its former colony.
"The government's position is that it is

not going to impose sanctions," the

In London, the Foreign Office

tions and would not impose its own.

democracy with 970 million people.

CIA for details, the agency's top officials had none to offer, several sources said.

from U.S. policymakers and prompted two congressional oversight committees and the CIA to cause of the mistake.

Key U.S. policymakers said they did not know whether the new Indian government — which Even when "clear-cut" evidence of the nuclear had repeatedly broadcast its desire to "induct" test preparations was recorded by a satellite at nuclear weapons into the country's arsenal would have called off the tests in response to any U.S. appeals. But they were outraged over the fact that the missed signals had deprived the Clinton administration of an opportunity to attempt such an intervention.

Senator Richard Shelby, Republican of Alabama, who is chairman of the Intelligence Committee, condemned the intelligence community's conduct in unusually strong terms, calling the episode "a colossal failure" that betrayed a "dreadfully inadequate job" of detecting what India's intentions were. "We cannot and simply must not tolerate such failure on the part of the

Mr. Shelby and Representative Porter Goss, transmit scientific data. Republican of Florida, a former CIA officer who The intelligence community's failure to predict is chairman of the Permanent Select Committee from the policy community to intelligence comthe three nuclear blasts has ignited fierce criticism on Intelligence, each promised oversight hearings in coming weeks to try to determine the

> Mr. Goss avoided any direct crinicism and said instead that his June 1 hearing would try to dispredict even that such a move was likely. cover "whether key intelligence capabilities have eroded and what is needed to reverse the trend."

The CIA director, George Tenet, announced that he had appointed a team to examine the episode and "determine what lessons can be learned," according to a CIA statement. The team is to be headed by Vice Admiral David Jeremiah, retired, a former vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and report its findings within 10 days.

Among the issues to be examined, sources said, are whether the CIA's regional political and military analysts overlooked clues to India's true intentions, whether the National Security Agency missed any telltale information collected through its worldwide electronic eavesdropping, and how spy satellite operators and photo analysts failed to catch such activities as the burial of doubtedly kept this decision to a really small nuclear devices and the attachment of cables to circle" and that top American officials had had

"This was a mistake from the top to the bottom. munity," said a senior policymaker. "It was a failure not only of tactical but strategic intelligence," because government analysts not only missed the actual test site preparations but failed to

Several officials credited India's new government, which was elected less than two months ago, with a shrewd campaign of disinformation designed to put Washington off the scent of a nuclear test. The Indians Inlled us into thinking that they were not going to undertake any precipitous action in the nuclear area without a careful review of their options," an official said. 'The context of the intelligence community's

error was complacency." John Holum, acting undersecretary of state for arms control and international security affairs, said that India had promised restraint in the nuclear area until it completed its strategic review late this year.

A U.S. official said that India had "un-

discussions with people in India "who had to know" about the testing plans but who did not

The Indians were apparently trying to avoid repeating their experience of December 1995, when Washington sighted preparations for a blast at the Pokaran test site and forcefully expressed its alarm. Those protests led the prime minister at the time, P. V. Narasimha Rao, to halt the preparations and cancel the test.

"They knew from the 1995 experience that we were watching them very closely," and this time kept their activities at the site to a minimum while U.S. satellites passed overhead, the official said

'No one saw anything out of the ordinary,' said another official, even when last week's satellite images depicted activity at the "wellheads" atop deep holes where the explosive devices were eventually detonated.

Pakistan's test of a medium range ballisticmissile a month earlier had led CIA analysts to suspect that India would orchestrate a demonstration of its own military prowess. But the analysts bet, wrongly, that India was more likely to respond in kind with a missile launching instead of a nuclear blast.

INDIA: 2 More Devices Are Detonated

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that the era of nuclear tensions had passed with the end of the Cold War.

But India was on the sidelines during four decades of U.S.-Soviet tensions, and most of its public has no acquaintance with the anxieties associated with living with a definable threat of being annihilated amid exchanges of nuclear as-saults. Among BJP leaders, moving toward the development of a nuclear arsenal respect that India has coveted since winning independence from Britain a halfcentury ago and to make the world's second most populous nation a "global player," in Mr. Mahajan's words.

Mr. Vajpayee's government has appeared willing to make a nuclear bid for nternational prestige even at the risk of losing through sanctions most of India's

nation's inadequate infrastructure. India has historically been the biggest World Bank and more prosperous nations have committed about \$7 billion annually to aid India and, according to the Finance Ministry, the inflow in 1994

and 1995 totaled \$4 billion. But Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha and other officials have confidently predicted that India could cope with the loss ment - monopolize nuclear weaponry. of foreign aid because it represents a small part of the nation's output and hard

"There's nothing to panic about,"

The acceptance of persistent social release fighter jets that it has refused to explains the seeming lack of concern

Another reason is that the upper caste, educated elite among which the BJP has

leviating poverty. "Nobody can eat these bombs," said Dhirendra Sharma, an anti-nuclear activist, "It's an unfortunate waste of recommon people. They are not jubilant."

Successive governments have sought to make India a permanent member of the UN Security Council, a status that BJP spokesmen have noted now belongs to the world's five declared nuclear powers: Britain, France, Russia, China and the United States.

The Hindu nationalist party sees becoming a nuclear weapons state as a shortcut to an undeniable claim to a permanent seat on the Security Council. But Germany and Japan, which the is seen as way to win the international United States wants included on the council, do not possess nuclear weapons. And the current members essentially represent the victors of World War II, which was fought with con-

ventional arms until near its end. The Vajpayee government's state-ment announcing the tests repeated the government's "offer to consider adhering to some of the undertakings" in the foreign aid, which is targeted at relieving Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Mr. desperate social problems such as Mishra rejected as "unacceptable" Mr. poverty and disease or upgrading the Clinton's demand that India sign the nuclear test ban unconditionally.

Recent governments have denounced borrower from the World Bank and in the treaty as "discriminatory" because it recent years has been one of the world's sets no timetable for declared nuclear leading recipients of foreign aid. The powers to destroy their arsenals. But another meaning of "discriminatory" is sometimes intended and was specified by Mohan Guruswamy, a BJP national security adviser who studied at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He suggested that India would not let "white" nations - excluding China in his com-

> Mr. Mishra and other BJP leaders have also said that India has legitimate national security concerns because one neighbor, China, is a declared nuclear power and another, Pakistan, has the capability to make such weapons.

'India faces a very dangerous nüclear environment," Mr. Mishra said.

This month, Defense Minister George cipal threat because of what he described as military buildups in Tibet and Burma. But Giri Deshingkar, director of the Inmore concerned about developing ad- stitute of Chinese Studies in New Delhi, vanced technology and asserting the na- dismissed Mr. Fernandes's assessment tion's role in the world than about al- of a new Chinese threat. China has also denounced his remarks.

"I don't think he knows what he's talking about," Mr. Deshingkar said. "He is conjuring up an excuse to justify sources. Go in the street and see the something he wants to do for some other



Activists of the Jamaat-i-Islami, a rightist religious party, burning an Indian flag on Wednesday during a protest against this week's nuclear testing by India. The party wants Pakistan to conduct nuclear tests, too.

PAKISTAN: Islamabad Demands a Crackdown on New Delhi

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day that a meeting of donors prepared to promise aid to India had been canceled gemonic impulses reflected so often in after Japan declined to be host to the Indian behavior and ignored by the ingathering because of the tests. She said ternational community, there were no plans to find another site Pakistan's repeated efforts to draw at-for the two-day meeting, which had been tention to them."

Mr. Clinton also said he agreed with under U.S. laws against India hardly con-nuclear devices has become intense. many Indians that their country had been stitutes an effective response," he said. "Indian actions. they would realize that it was "a terrible diate and grave threat to Pakistan's semistake" to use nuclear testing as a way curity, will not go unanswered."

Just how Pakistan will answer is now "To think that you have to manifest the topic of debate in Islamabad and many your greatness by behavior that recalls the capitals. The United States and other very worst events of the 20th century on countries are doing all they can to persuade Pakistan not to reply in kind. Pakistan's cabinet scheduled a meeting the edge of the 21st century, when everybody else is trying to leave the nuclear age for Thursday to consider its options.

Like India. Pakistan has for years possessed the technology necessary to build nuclear weapons. Until the Indian detonations this week, however, it had not they

onations Monday that he could build a despite bomb within days of being given the sider these steps sufficient. They have not order to do so.

'The invoking of mandatory sanctions Pakistani government to detonate its own Wednesday that the United States should devastation as a fact of life in India partly A newspaper columnist wrote Wed-send Pakistan for several years, that it about international sanctions possibly

prevent "the annihilation of the here as a sign of solidarity, and that Mr. Muslims on the Indian Subcontinent, Clinton should consider dropping India which is considered a necessary pre- from the itinerary of his proposed trip to its political base, has been traditionally cursor to the rise and renaissance of a pristine Hindu India."

of Commerce demanded that the government "immediately respond to the Indian nuclear challenge.

President Bill Clinton signed documents Wednesday imposing sanctions on India as punishment for its tests, saying "demand an unambiguous re-

felt obligated to build and test them. sponse." Japan, Sweden, Denmark a Pakistan's senior nuclear scientist, Germany also announced they wo Quadeer Khan, said after the first det-freeze all or part of their aid to India. Germany also announced they would Pakistani leaders, however, do not con- currency earnings.

rder to do so.

Said precisely what steps they would like Mr. Mahajan said.

Public and political pressure on the to see, but midlevel officials suggested The acceptance the region next fall.

These tests present the single most The president of the Karachi Chamber important threat to emerge in the region since the end of the Cold War," formation Minister Mushahid Hussain said. "We are looking at the international response and weighing our course of action. The main issue now is not what Pakistan will do, but what the inter-

national community will do. "If Iraq was declared a pariah state for building weapons of mass destruction, we feel the same standards should be applied to India, which in our view doesn't face any real threat to its security from any outside power," Mr. Hussain said. "Otherwise there will be a feeling that Pakistan is the victim of a double standard and that India can get away with anything. It is a litmus test for the world. India has to be given that message which really hasn't been brought home, which is that there is a price tag to its

irresponsible behavior. Many Pakistanis feel that their country has been victimized by discrimination from foreign powers including the United States, which has several times punished it for alleged aggressive acts and human rights violations by imposing arms embargoes and other sanc-

A decision by Pakistan to join India in the nuclear club by detonating explosions would certainly bring international condemnation. It would also, however, assure Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of both an enormous surge in popularity and a guaranteed place in Pakistani history. Military commanders are reportedly among those pressing for such a decision.

The pressure on Mr. Sharif was evident during Wednesday evening's Senate session, at which senators from all parties rose to condemn India and heap scorn the world community for what they described as its cowardly reluctance to impose real sanctions on India's new Hindu nationalist government.

An Explanation for Clinton

New York Times Service

Following is the text of a letter sent Monday to President Bill Clinton from Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of

Dear Mr. President,

You would already be aware of the underground nuclear tests carried out in India. In this letter, I would like to explain the rationale for the tests.

I have been deeply concerned at the deteriorating security environment. specially the nuclear environment, faced by India for some years past. We have an overt nuclear weapon state on our borders, a state which committed armed aggression against India in

Although our relations with that country have improved in the last decade or so, an atmosphere of distrust persists mainly due to the unresolved border problem. To add to the distrust that country has materially helped another neighbor of ours to become a covert nuclear weapons state. At the hands of this bitter neighbor we have suffered three aggressions in the last it in several parts of our country, specially Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir. Fortunately, the faith of the people in

our democratic system as also their patriotism has enabled India to counter the activities of the terrorists and militants aided and abetted from abroad.

The series of tests are limited in number and pose no danger to any country which has no inimical intentions towards India. We value our friendship and cooperation with your country and you personally. We hope that you will show understanding of our concern for India's security.

I assure you that India will continue to work with your country in a multilateral or bilateral framework to promote the cause of nuclear disarmament. Our commitment to participate in non-discriminatory and verifiable global disarmament measures is amply demonstrated by our adherence to the two conventions on Biological and Chemical Weapons.

In particular we are ready to par-ticipate in the negotiations to be held in Geneva in the Conference on Disarmament for the conclusion of a fissile material cut-off treaty.

I enclose for your information the text of the press statement issued after 50 years. And for the last ten years we the nuclear tests were carried out have been the victim of unremitting today. I close with the expression of terrorism and militancy sponsored by my highest consideration for your country and yourself.

Yours sincerely, A. B. Vajpayee

- dia for consultations, a move announced shortly before the new tests were pub-- licized. Australia and New Zealand did the same earlier. The Clinton administration itself has

Canada recalled its ambassador in In-

indicated its dissatisfaction with the use of sanctions, viewing them as a blunt weapon that can distort policy and needlessly antagonize allies, and is under-taking a study of their use.

The U.S. sanction with the greatest potential to harm India is the order to the U.S. delegate to oppose any aid or loans to New Delhi by the World Bank. The United States is the largest donor to the organization, which issues low-interest loans to developing countries, but it cannot block lending to India without support

from other major shareholder nations. One of those countries, Japan, is among the few to order sanctions against India, and might join the United States in

a bid to halt international lending. Immediately following announcement of the latest tests. Japan recalled its envoy to New Delhi for the second time in the week and said it might toughen sanctions - announced just an hour earlier.

Japan had said it would suspend about \$25 million in grant aid. After the latest tests, it said the sanctions could be ex-pledged for the current fiscal year.

The Price for India

India's recent nuclear tests have prompted the U.S. to impose sanctions under the 1994 Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act. The financial penalties would affect the following:

WORLD BANK LOANS There are 84 projects in India worth

\$14.5 billion financed by loans from the World Bank. Commitments in the 1997 fiscal year total \$1.5 billion. The United States would oppose all loans.

NUF LOANS

The United States would oppose all loans from the International Monetary Fund.

EXPORTS TO INDIA 1997 exports to India were \$3.6 billion. Sanctions would affect products with military uses.

BANK LOANS American bank loans to the Indian government are

Sources: World Bank:

barred.

Cut off of most military and economic aid. Aid totaled \$142.5 million last year and is estimated at \$141.9 million in 1998.

UNITED STATES AID

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

Japan, India's largest aid donor, suspended its \$26 million annual grant. Low-interest loans valued at reconsidered. Sweden cancelled a

> have recalled their ambassadors. Norway and Denmark froze most nonhumanitarian aid.

over \$988 million are to be three-year aid agreement worth \$119 million. New Zealand, Australia and Canada

> Britain, France and Russia oppose sanctions.

INDONESIA: Violence Leaves at Least One Dead as Riots Follow Service for Students Shot by Jakarta Troops

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families of the victims and to the academic community for the calamity that resulted in deaths," he

Violence flared at about noon as mobs took to the streets, angered by the killings. "This is not a day of mourning but a day of anger," said Alois A. Nugroho, the dean of public administration at the Atma Jaya Catholic Uni-

versity. Thousands of people also clashed with security forces in Yogyakarta, in central Java, and in Bandung, West Java, where 5,000 students took over the local Parliament and unfurled banners calling for reforms. At several rallies students shouted slogans against Mr. Suharto, calling for an panded to include \$1 billion in loans end to his 32-year rule amid chants of "Hang Suharto!" and "Crucify Suharto!"

The violence sent both the rupiah and the local stock market down by more than 6 percent.

The trouble first erupted among non-students in west Jakarta who gathered outside Trisakti Unibecause of unrest there, the Pentagon said Wedversity, after 10,000 people congregated inside to nesday, after the shooting of the six students. mourn the dead.

One man died from a head wound, a morgue official said. A witness said he was beaten over the head by security forces. Officials from the Trisakti medical center said nine people had been injured, one of them with a

gunshot wound. The Indonesian armed forces set up a team to investigate the shootings, the official Antara news

"If the evidence shows that security officers violated the proper procedure and existing laws, most of the shops had been looted, many of them they will definitely be prosecuted accordingly," a selling staple goods. Her family took refuge on the spokesman for the armed forces said,

The U.S. defense secretary, William Cohen, has

nesday, after the shooting of the six students.

More than 75 blocks of shops with upstairs apartments along the Daan Mogot avenue behind the luxury Ciputra mall near Trisakti University were either badly damaged or burned and loored.

Crowds also hurned cars and destroyed street lights as they moved east towards the mainly Chinese Roxy business district, an employee at Central Asia Bank said. Blocked by truckloads of soldiers, they move northwest to the Tubagus Angke commercial and residential area, also mainly populated by ethnic Chinese. The owner of a herbal medicine shop said roof to escape smoke from burning premises.

A local hospital said three members of one issued orders requiring approval for any U.S. military activities with Indonesia until further notice after they jumped from their burning residence. Five others were treated for gunshot wounds, a nurse said

Unrest also flared near the Atma Jaya Catholic University in central Jakarta after thousands of students held a free-speech forum there.

Security forces wielding riot sticks, using tear gas and firing warning shots waded in to disperse a crowd of non-students who set a car on fire. "We as a nation are in mourning," Amien Rais, an opposition figure and leader of a prominent

Islamic movement, said at the memorial for the students at Trisakti, hailing them as "heroes." There were scenes of high emotion later at two Jakarta cemeteries where three of the six students were buried. A fourth was interred in his hometown (AFP. Reuters, AP)

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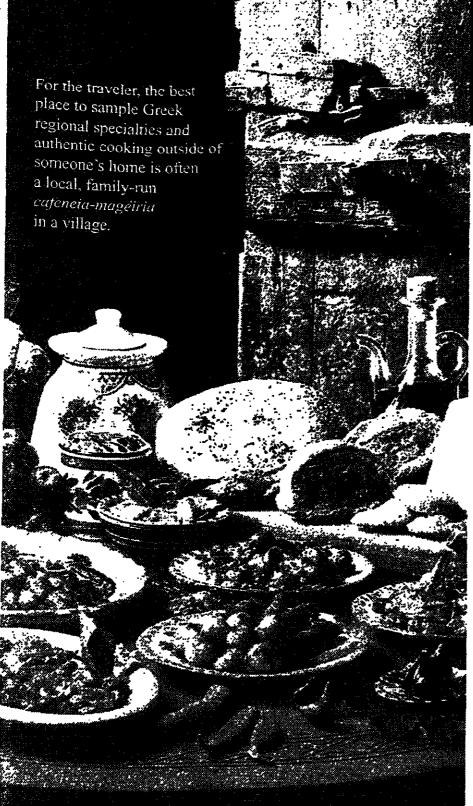
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DESTINATION GREECE DOORWAY TO CUISINE

A MOUTHWATERING GUIDE TO GREEK GASTRONOMY

A sampling of Greece's regional specialties reveals that its cuisine is one of the best ways to get the know the country.

Greece is unique because its boundaries ki, are often obscured. With the exception of Crete, Ionia and Macedonia, there are no distinct regional food-boundar-France or Italy. But there is a host of dishes and products such as cheeses, charcuterie, fruits and vegetables, and even pasta, that are indelibly ned to specific places.

Macedonian piquancy

The food in the north of Greece is a fascinating multiethnic melange. Here. Balkan, Slav, Jewish and Anatolian flavors converge, woven colorfully into the rich tapestry of Macedonian cuisine.

The food tends to be spi- desserts. where in Greece, and the local palate is honed on the bite of hot red peppers, pickled vegetables, vinegar, yogurt. prunes, and more that make clotted cream. up the culinary alphabet of northern Greek cooking. Un-terrain in the northwest is usual combinations quince cooked with meats.

pork simmered with pickled fers travelers some of the that specialize in ouzo or tsi-cheeses, namely sfela, a three months, then rinsed in cabbage, cumin-imbued most pristine terrain in all of pouro and often serve dozens sharp, brine-aged sheep's the sea and left to dry in the meatballs - are among the Greece. The food up here is of small meze dishes to ac- milk cheese. local fare worth seeking out. simple, and the region is company them.

Thessaloniki is Mecca for meze, the small and varied dishes meant to accompany wealth of savory pies. ouzo, tsipouro (grape distillations) and delicious local be experienced in Greece's meze ritual. The best places the city's market, where local politicians.

ner. Try the mussels sagana- is another local specialty. rice-stuffed mussels, grilled sardines or roasted red

Florina peppers. Thessaloniki is known as Greece's sweet ies, as there are, say, in source for the wealth of pastry and sweet shops all over the city. Specialties include the famed trigona Panoramatos, luscious custardfilled phyllo triangles; and warm bougatsa, another butwith custard, cheese or

> greens. The former is the breakfast outdoor cafes. Other sweets organ meats. include a wealth of tradition-

cier up north than it is else- simplustu: kazuntipi. a pouro at the local tavernas) is savoring on the spot. Among is the air-dried salami from creamy. dessert; and ekmek kutaifi, a Zagora, one of the main vil- ange-scented pork sausages: land, is eaten as a meze or as nut-filled shredded-wheat lages, the local women's co- singlino or pusto, both cured an accompaniment to bean pastry topped either with ice operative produces an excel- pork products found all over soups and stews. In Zakynleeks, walnuts, sweet and tart cream or rich buffalo-milk lent array of spoon sweets, the region and easily avail- thos, we find two delicious

> The rugged mountainous cialties. most famous for its

artists and businesspeople Greece. Game, especially lo- Greece's main producer of region's cookery.

he culinary map of congregate for lunch and din- cal deer, wild goat and fowl, them. In summer, lucky trav-

For the culinary traveler bent on an edible souvenir, the things to look for in the also area are excellent sage honey (found in villages only), great feta cheese, a tart local cheese called xinonvi, and soft white sheep's or goat's milk cheese.

Moving down the Pindus Mountains from Epirus and home to the world's most is a kind of dred fig paste into Thessaly, one arrives in tery phyllo treat, filled either the great wheat belt of Greece, where grains and cracked green olives. The meats dominate the menu, olive oil is unspeakably the former in the form of of choice for those with a breads and pies and many penchant for a morning jaunt varieties of halvah; the latter to one of the city's dozens of in the form of large roasts and

In Mount Pelion in the al honey-and-syrup-soaked summer, a major attraction other specialty goods either ready to eat at Easter. known as (in addition to excellent tsipudding-like the variety of local fruits. In

In the southern "hand" of Island delicacies homemade phyllo and vast Greece, regional flavors be- Generally, island cooking all kind of cured. smoked There are dozens, if not to pinpoint. The Peloponnese The Ionian islands, however, hundreds, of pies, including is the place where avgolem- are an exception. On Corfu, most of the Cyclades is wine. One of the great joys to savory and sweet cheese ono — Greece's tangy egg- Paxi. Lefkada, Ithaca, Cephpies, milk pies, greens pies, and-lemon sauce — reigns alonia and Zakynthos, the lo- is the cuisine, but there are a second city is partaking in the leck pies, meat and rice pies, supreme in all manner of cal cookery still pulses with a host of delicacies, including and even pies filled with len- dishes. from artichokes to kind of multiethnicity, for cheeses, legumes, capers, are to be found in and around tils. In local tavernas, one is meat. Tomatoes are another here the Venetians and later some unusual cured meats apt to find a smattering of defining element in the cook- the Russians. French and and delicious pastries that

elers might stumble across small tomatoes laid out to dry on planks in the sun, an old

village preparation. The Peloponnese, though, pungent year dish with vinis known less for its cuising per se and more for the famed and foremost among them is is the region's capital and the home of the tangy southernmost part of the re-

fit for bringing home or for

come slightly more difficult over Greece is a simple affair. sparerib. intellectuals. pites, as pies are known in ery here, as the region is British all left traces in the come from these majestic is-

The three most famous dishes from Ionia are from Corfu: bourdeno, a peppery fish stew: pastitsatha, a veal and pasta dish; and sotrito, a

egar, garlic and parsley. Visitors to Cortu in the products it turns out. First early fall might stumble across another local spethe olive and its oil. Kalamata cialty, the sikomaulia, found at the farmers' markets. This renowned olive. Nafplion is flavored with ouzo and pepper, shaped into disks and

wrapped in chesmut leaves. Ionia is also home to some good, and some of the best in of the best charcuterie in the world is to be found in the Greece. First among them is Corfu's Noumboulo This is a smoked pork fillet soaked in In addition to olives and wine and pepper, traditionolive oil, there is a host of ally prepared in winter and

Another Ionian specialty them are the delicious or- Lefkada, which, on the ispreserves and other local spe- able in Kalamata: dried figs. cured meats, hiromeri and especially those sprinkled pancetta. The former is a In Volos, the thing to do is with sesame seeds; sesame cured pork loin seasoned more often than not off the head toward one of the city's brittle, known as pastelli; with garlic, pepper, and tourist track. This region of- dozens of ouceries, cateries and, finally, some unusual cloves, steeped in brine for sun. It is usually eaten as a special treat on Easter. Pancetta, on the other hand, is a

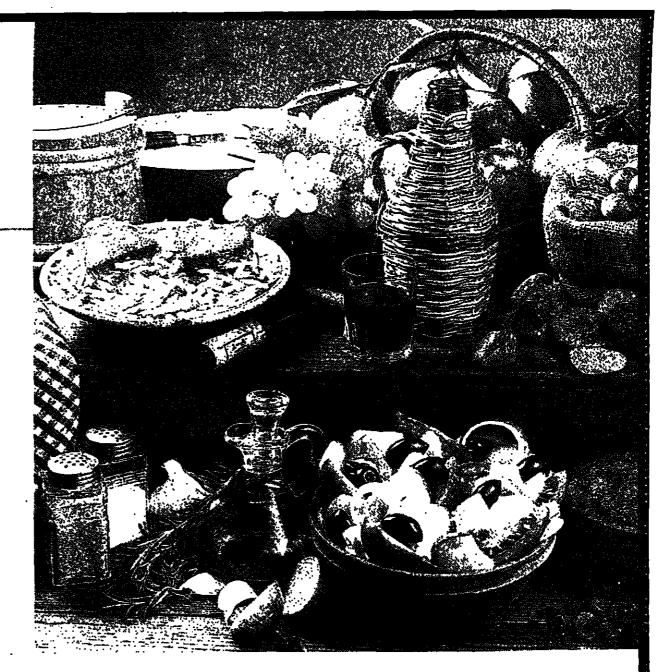
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worked on-line — only direct sales sites such as Amazon.com and payfor-access sites have turned a profit.

Maybe that is what will finally end the argument. The businesses attempting to steer the Internet will just go out of business.

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24 Military Satellites Can Tell You Where You Are — For \$249

By Katie Hafner New York Times Service

Tarmers use GPS for precision planting and fertilizing. Golf carts equipped with GPS tell players how far they are from the pin and offer tips like a caddy. Long-distance runners use GPS as an electronic whip, to keep to a six-minute mile. GPS tracking is used in the Iditarod dogsled race in Alaska, where nothing but whiteness can stretch for miles.

GPS, which stands for Global Positioning System, has truly gone global. GPS satellites pinpoint latitude and iongitude coordinates on Earth, and GPS receivers on the ground now range from handheld units for hikers and boaters to sophisticated systems accurate enough - to put a plane down on a runway.

GPS receivers may someday become as pervasive and indispensable as the system's cheerleaders expect. Industry trade groups predict that the market for all GPS-based products, now at around \$2 billion annually, will rise to \$8.5 billion by 2005,

The potential future uses are compelling — or frightening, depending on your perspective. Global positioning will be used to track Alzheimer's patients with receivers embedded in their clothing. When your car's "check engine" light flashes, you will be guided to

the nearest least busy service station. The Global Positioning System, developed in the United States by the Department of Defense in the 1970s, consists of 24 satellites that orbit Earth every 12 hours. The satellites transmit continuous time and position data to groundbased receivers. The system was originally intended to pinpoint the positions of soldiers, weapons and targets. Now that civilians are in the picture, it can be planning to phase out the security feature used as a trip calculator, compass, but has not set a date.

speedometer or scientific measuring

The satellite network has always had a security feature that deliberately limits accuracy to about 100 meters, or 328 feet, for users outside the United States military. That limitation, known as "se-lective availability," was put into the system to blur its accuracy if enemy forces tried to use the network to locate

For years there have been clever but expensive techniques to get more pre-cise readings. But for the average user without that capability, the difference can be a city block. The government is

For a GPS system to be truly useful, it needs links to other information sources.

such as a map. Perhaps the most popular recreational uses for GPS receivers in the United States are for boating and hiking. For not much more than the price of a Gore-Tex jacket, you can buy a small GPS receiver that slips easily into a large pocket. That reflects a steady drop in price. Six years ago, a basic receiver cost \$2,000. Today. receivers of similar quality cost \$249.

Problems arise, however, when people set out for the with a GPS receiver and no compass or topographical map. Should the

could quickly turn dangerous

"Certainly, having a GPS receiver gives you a false sense of security, ' said Matt Sanders, an assistant electronics buyer at West Marine of Watsonville, California, a leading supplier of boating equipment. "We encourage our customers to think of the GPS receiver as an aid

but not the sole means of navigation. Safety has become a big catchword with GPS. Police and fire departments use GPS data when dispatching units to a crime site or fire, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission has ruled that by 2001, all cellular phones must be equipped with GPS receivers or other location devices that will enable the pobatteries die on the trail, the situation lice to locate the user of the phone.

Arkenstone, a company in Sunnyvale, California, is developing a GPS kit for the blind. The system, called Strider, consists of a portable computer with a socalled talking map, a GPS receiver and a separate differential receiver for correcting the signal error, all to be worn in a backpack. Strider is meant to supple-

ment, not replace, a guide dog or cane.

"Dogs are good at spotting open man-hole covers," which a GPS receiver cannot do, said Jim Fruchterman, the president of Arkenstone.

In the commercial market, the GPS killer application is supposed to be a car that can tell you when to hang a left, American drivers lag far behind their counterparts in Japan. Nearly 2.5 million

GPS units are installed in cars in Japan compared with just 18,000 in the United States, according to Dataquest, a re-search company in San Jose, California Analysis point to the high price of in-

car GPS units - \$2,000 to \$3,000 - and to the spotty reliability of the systems to explain their slower acceptance by Americans. Hertz Corp. s Never Lost system is now installed in 8,000 rental cars.

Of course, the privacy implications surrounding the system foom large.-Its job is to pinpoint locations, which can have creepy associations.

here is "no centralized Big Brother executing a plan to fit us all with GPS dog collars," said Phil Agre, an associate professor of communication at the University of California at San Diego. "But at the same time, GPS is a natural extension of computer system design, which has very much to do with tracking, with arranging for things to cast digital shadows.

As for how long it will take for GPS technology to become commonplace in everyday life, and how much effect it will really have. Dr. Agre offered an aphorism from Bill Gates, the Microsoft chairman: "People often overestimate what will happen in the next two years and underestimate what will happen in

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Global Positioning System data and information maintained by the U.S. Naval Observatory can be found at tycho.usno.navy mil/gps_datafiles.html

The University of Texas at Austin provides an in-depth history of GPS at: wwhost.cc.utexas.edu/ftp/pub/grg/ gcraftinotes/gps/gps.html

Intel's New Chief Steps In Just in Time for Turmoil

By Tom Buerkle ttonal Herold Tribun

EIXLIP, Ireland -- Craig Barrett is a man in a hot seat. On the eve of his appointment as chief executive officer of Intel Corp., he is about to succeed the legendary Andrew Grove just as turmoil in the computer industry and the Asian economic crisis have brought a halt to a decade of spectacular growth at the world's leading chip-

So how does it feel? "On a day-to-day basis, I see two shadows: my wife's and Andy Grove's," says Mr. Barrett, 58, now Intel's president and a 24-year veteran of the company. "They're both very

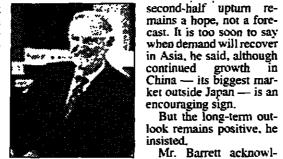
tough acts to follow. That kind low-key humor is typical of Mr. Barrett and the way he approaches Intel. While some in the industry say market pose a serious threat to Intel's current quarter, he said, and talk of a margins in the industry.

sees more of a continuation of the competitive environment in which Intel has thrived to date.

"I think we've always had competition, so I don't think that 's anything new,' he said, dismissing the suggestion that he faced a tougher test than Mr. Grove did a decade ago. He recalled how Intel fought off clones of its 386 and 486 chips in the late 1980s and

"We survived that," he said. "That's why we're paranoid" — an allusion to the title of Mr. Grove's latest book. "Only the Paranoid Survive."

Mr. Barrett, who spoke here Monday the challenge of reigniting growth at after opening a \$1.3 billion chip plant in this small town near Dublin, is too caretoday's keener price competition and ful to predict a quick turnaround for



Craig Barrett of Intel. edged that Intel had been

the introduction by Motorola Inc. of the movement of the PC market and said it rival PowerPC chip in the early 1990s. would do so later this year with the launch of Celeron, a stripped-down version of the Pentium II processor for lowpriced PCs. The new plant in Ireland, where Intel employs about 4,000 people, will produce Pentium IIs as well

as Celerons. But Mr. Barrett said he saw these entry-level PCs as a vehicle for growth segmentation of the personal-computer Intel. Revenue will be flat at best in the rather than a permanent shift to lower

this site, regarding not only Windows but also applications such as Word and

Excel. Apple Macintoshes and com-

patibles have been ready for 2000 since

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"I think low-priced cars expanded the automobile market," he said. "It's my hope that sub-\$1,200 PCs will exmains a hope, not a forecast. It is too soon to say pand the market and not cannibalize the

Other forces also should drive demand for high-performance chips. New, power-hungry applications are just on the horizon, such as voice recognition. Intel executives dazzled the audience at the plant opening here by demonstrating new software that enabled a PC to take dictation with impressive speed and accuracy using the power of a 450-megahertz Pentium II processor, which Intel will begin shipping this year.

All of this seems to add up to a steadily growing market. "Our vision is pretty simple: a billion

connected PCs." Mr. Barrett said. Intel says such a huge installed base is possible early in the next decade and wil sustain annual worldwide sales of 200 million machines, more than double the 85 million sold in 1997, as well as fueling demand for more powerful machines such as workstations and servers.

Mac-related millennium information

can be found on Apple's Web site at:

www.apple.com/macos/info/ 2000.html#macos

puters, a Unix operating system plat-

form, can check compliance on Sun's

site at:

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How to Check Your PC for the Turn of the Century

By Scott Gerlach

NEW YORK --- Are you worried that your personal computer isn't Year 2000 compliant? Some simple guidelines and publicly available software can tell you.

The millennium bug may lurk in any of three locations on a personal computer — in software applications, in the operating system or in the BIOS, the basic instruction set that governs the computer's operation. Once turned on, a PC relies on its BIOS (basic input/output

system) to check the data stored in the system's real-time clock. The operating system then grabs the date and time from information from the operating system.

Software compliance should be checked with the program's manufacturer, and there is a good chance such information can be found on the World Wide Web. Diagnosing the hardware and the operating system's susceptibility is a bit more straightforward.

Users of IBM-compatible machines might face problems if their systems rely on a Pentium processor or an older

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chip. Some Pentiums, 486s and their predecessors, are not "century date" compliant. Machines with more recent Pentium chips or Pentium II processors should have no hardware problems.

A diagnostic software utility may be downloaded free of charge from the Web site of the U.S. National Software Testing Laboratories at:

www.nstl.com/html/ymark_2000.html The program, called YMARK2000. temporarily sets the computer's internal clock to read 10 seconds before the millennium and then monitors its ability to

roll over to 2000. Microsoft Windows, the dominant operating system for Intel-based computers, also ex-

this clock, and applications draw date hibits mixed millennium compliance. Windows 98 and Windows NT 4.0 and any evolutions thereafter - should have no century date problems. Windows 3.x and older revisions of Windows 95 may need to be upgraded to

elicit full compliance. Microsoft maintains a Web site with information on the millennium readiness of all of its products at:

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BRIEFLY • BT'S MULTIMEDIA FUTURE: British Telecommunications PLC plans to invest £800 million (\$1.3 billion) to upgrade its network to accommodate

growing Internet traffic. BT said that by 2003, the volume of Internet and other multimedia traffic would match the number of ordinary voice calls, which currently account for about 90 percent of its revenue.

It said the latest investment was being made to handle new services such as electronic trading, mobile and broadband data integration and digital broad-

The investment brings to £1.1 billion the amount BT has agreed to invest so far this year to attract more data to its (Bloomberg)

• LET THEM ENCRYPT: Noting that powerful computer software to scramble electronic messages is already available internationally, sponsors of a new U.S. Senate bill want President Bill Clinton's administration to ease restric-

tions on exports of American-made encryption software. The legislation, introduced Tuesday. also would guarantee the right to scramble messages using nearly unbreakable codes. It could increase pressure on the administration to ease restrictions, including export limits, on the technology.

The Justice Department, and specifically the FBI, opposes uses of encryption that do not leave a way for lawenforcement officials to unscramble messages in investigating crime, and it wants limits on sales of American-made encryption software.

• ULYSSES' TRAVELS: World-Com Inc. has scheduled completion of its European fiber network for this summer, said Mark Weeks, a spokesman.

The first loop in the network will link London, Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris and will be ready for service in July. The second loop links Frankfurt, Brussels, Amsterdam and Paris and is sched-

uled for completion in August. Analysts said that because World-Com's network, called Ulysses, was owned by one operator, it would avoid the need for international interconnec-tion agreements. WorldCom is therefore likely to take market share in the international business-calls sector from established companies such as France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom AG.

they said. WorldCom aiready has local networks in the cities Ulysses will serve, and the new system will link these networks.

(AFX)• A DIGITAL CAR?: Chrysler Corp. this week introduced a digital manufacturing system it hoped will cut months from vehicle-development

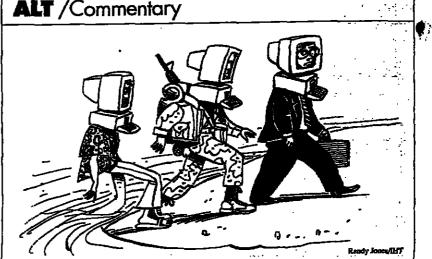
The third-largest U.S. automaker's next-generation production system will result in savings of more than \$20 million per assembly plant, said Dan Vandenbossche, Chrysler's manager of manufacturing technical support.

The system, known as Control Proram and Analysis, was unveiled by Chrysler and its suppliers Rockwell International Corp., Dassault Systemes SA and its Deneb unit, and Progressive Tool & Industries Co. in conjunction with an industry engineering conference in Detroit this week.

The automaker's current standard for vehicle development is 23 months, the time it took to develop the Dodge Durango sport-utility vehicle. In contrast, 10 years ago the standard was five years. Mr. Vandenbossche said.

The new system is faster and consistent, which results in higher quality. greater predictability and case of use, Mr. Vandenbossche said. The new system, he said, can write software in eight minutes that an engineer would need three weeks to create.

Mr. Vandenbossche declined to sav whether the technology would be shared with Daimler-Benz AG, which announced last week that it was acquiring Chrysler.



Big Firms Slow It Down 🕟

Cooperation, Not Competition, Drives the Net

By Douglas Rushkoff New York Times Service

TEW YORK — How can you object to a market-driven Internet when it's the market that is driving technological innovation, universal access and competitive

This, anyway, is the argument that business people throw at me when they hear my anti-business tirades. How can I? My answer is that it is

not the brute force of the marketplace that has brought us any of the major technological and social leaps leading to what we now know as the Internet. These innovations have been driven by cooperation, not competition. Eudora, Usenet, the Web browser and chat were not developed by

companies but by universities. They were not sold in stores but distributed 'shareware," for free. They were not developed by people looking to make money but by students and researchers hoping to advance the state of networked culture. The protocols that allow our computers to communicate were developed collaboratively. These standards were not set by business monopoly or "first-to-market" incumbencies but by committee.

Many of us, including me, were mistakenly convinced that the U.S. military had had a lot to do with this. An essay by the science-fiction writer Bruce Sterling, in which he outlined how the Defense Department and the Rand Corp. think tank had created the Internet as a way for the military to maintain communication in the event of a nuclear war, is only half true.

What really happened is that the Defense Department saw that the existing communications infrastructure developed by scientists and universities could survive a nuclear war and could be used by military installations in this eventuality. Because of this, the Defense Department funded additional research.

The fact remains that every single major development in on-line technology and communication came as shareware. Since big business took the wheel, we haven't seen anything significant — except maybe Java, an Internet programming language invented at Sun Microsystems Inc., which is itself distributed for free.

Microsoft Corp. and Netscape Communications Corp. have developed increasingly sophisticated browsers and e-mail programs that don't really do anything more than early shareware versions of Mosaic and Eudora did except to take up more hard-drive space and processor speed.

The companies creating these programs also (intentionally) create all sorts of compatibility problems as they fight for market share.

While shareware developers create programs to address needs, businesses develop programs to create needs. It is a bizarre form of reverse engineering. where the research department figures out how to do something new, and then the marketing department determines

how to sell it. By setting standards and fighting compatibility, companies can ensure that their customers will need to buy new machines and software if they want to keep communicating with others. Competition devolves.

Not true, business folks argue: In the long run it will all be better. The force of competition drives evolution. 'Survival of the fittest' may sound hard, but it's what allows a species to

At first, perhaps that's true. But many species also evolve unique bits of shareware that benefit groups and not just individuals. The poison in a mosquito's bite benefits not the mosquito who has stung us but her buddies: Our nervous itching releases a hormone into our sweat that the other mosquitoes can smell in order to find us. Evolution — and survival — are

team sports. This also applies to the Internet. Unlike many of our technologies, the Internet depends on cooperation for its survival.

No wonder it requires a supreme

effort, the likes of which only a Mi-

crosoft can afford, to impose standards for profit in such an environment. usinesses encourage us to think of ourselves as shareholders rather than community members. The bottom line is money,

and how much of it we'll get to keep for ourselves. Such an ethic does not promote innovation in the style or technology of group dynamics. On the Internet, the true bottom line is communication. This is why the only productive ethics have always been education and the free exchange of ideas and tools. Shareware is a more highly evolved

survival mechanism than competition. But business, proponents argue, pays for ads on the Web, allowing for all these terrific Web sites! Actually, that is not true. The advertising business model has not

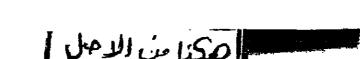
Banner ads don't work, and the commercial-content providers that depend on them are dropping like flies.

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Europe Parliament Seeks

Delay in Duisenberg Exit

By Barry James

PARIS — The European Parliament

on Wednesday confirmed the appoint-

ment of Wim Duisenberg as president of the European Central Bank, but with a

slap at Europe's politicians it cast doubt on the length of his tenure.

eight-year term at a Brussels summit meeting of European Union leaders

May 2 only after the former Dutch cen-

tral banker gave his word that he would

step down halfway through the term to

make way for the French central banker

Jean-Claude Trichet. The deal caused

an uproar in Germany and elsewhere

over fears that the future bank would be

The Parliament, meeting in Stras-

bourg, added an amendment saying that Mr. Duisenberg should not exit at the

same time as the bank's vice president,

Christian Noyer, a French Treasury of-

The amendment implied that Mr.

ficial who will serve a four-year term.

Duisenberg should serve longer than expected. He has said he expects to

serve until the middle of 2002 to oversee

the introduction of new euro banknotes

The euro will become reality for non-

cash transactions Jan. 1, while the bank,

which will set interest and exchange rates for the 11 countries adopting the new currency, will start operations July 1. Separately, the European Commis-

sion, the executive arm of the European Union, praised member governments for their progress in drawing up national action plans for unemployment.

Joint action to foster growth and fight unemployment is considered the reverse

side of the coin in introducing the euro.

and coins in the middle of that year.

susceptible to political interference.

Mr. Duisenberg was appointed for an

On Banker

The Fed Airs Its Secrets for All to See In Era of Global Markets, Bank Takes Steps Toward Transparency

By John M. Berry

NEW YORK - The word "secretive" is often used to describe the operations of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. From a trading desk on the ninth floor of a building in the heart of Manhattan's financial district, central bank officials buy and sell U.S. Treasury securities in vast quantities, sufficient to keep short-term interest rates

where they want them. But secrets are increasingly difficult to keep in a world of global markets and instant communications.

Peter Fisher, the bank's 42-year-old executive vice president, says the bank has had to become far more flexible and open in its trading activities.

Mr. Fisher, who has run the central bank's domestic and foreign-trading operations for three years, says he wel-comes the new openness. He has a lot of dealings these days with the 36 primary dealers, the government-securities arms of banks and brokerages that are qualified to deal directly with the Fed.

"I want the dealers to think of me as a picky customer so we can deal with each other on a business basis that will benefit us both," Mr. Fisher said.

In the past, for example, the Fed kept mum on how many Treasuries it wanted to buy or sell, and engaged in several transactions simultaneously with multiple firms to help disguise its dealings. Now its total buy or sell order is fed into computers for all primary dealers to see.

Last month the Fed acted as the agent for the Bank of Japan in selling \$12 billion worth of Treasury bills. The transaction marked the first time the Fed told the dealers not just what was being sold

on behalf of a customer, but how much. Mr. Fisher has also engineered a more difficult and nuanced change for its own "open market operations," jargon for its trading activities. Until last year, government bond dealers waited eagerly for 11:31 or 11:32 every morning. That was the time at which the mighty Fed would

start wheeling and dealing. But Mr. Fisher and other Fed officials found themselves on some days unable to buy enough government securities from banks — and thus unable to pump the amount of money into the financial system needed to keep interest rates where the central bank wanted them because the dealers had by 11:30 already finished billions in other trades and hadn't enough securities to sell.

Mr. Fisher responded to that problem by moving the intervention time up an hour and hopes eventually to move it up to 9:30 A.M. Now, shortly before 10:30 most weekday mornings, there is a conference call with the Fed officials in Washington — one regional Fed bank president always listens in - to discuss the state of the money markets and what intervention is needed to keep the federal funds rate on target. And once that is agreed on, Mr. Fisher has interjected a new tradition, part of his pursuit of "maximum flexibility."

Instead of just intervening at a set time, one Fed official takes a small leather game cup from a shelf, gives it a quick shake and rolls a single die onto the table. Whatever comes up, 1 to 6, determines the minute after 10:30 at which the Fed sends its computer message to the dealers to begin its effort to keep overnight interest rates where the Fed wants them.

Mr. Fisher said his goal was to achieve "maximum flexibility" in the

trading operations. To that end, for example, the trading desk has had to become "more responsive to market conditions," particularly as the Treasury has cut back issuing new securities as the

federal budget deficit has come down.

In one surprising departure, Mr. Fisher has encouraged big banks caught short of cash late in the day to come to the Fed's discount window to borrow money directly from the central bank rather than try to borrow from other banks or brokers. A bank scrambling for cash can drive up overnight rates and

destabilize the market.

In the past, such borrowing was discouraged. The Fed's attitude has had to shift because a variety of developments have sharply reduced the level of reserves — the cash financial institutions must keep in noninterest-bearing accounts at Federal Reserve banks.

Since the Fed pays no interest on the banks' reserves it holds, large banks have made a major effort to minimize them by establishing so-called sweep accounts. At the end of each day, the banks 'sweep" the money out of checking accounts and put it in overnight investments that pay interest to the depositors.

The advent of sweep accounts has reduced required reserves to the point where the Fed has a much smaller margin of error in calculating how much money the banking system needs. It also makes it much more difficult to manage reserve levels as a way of hitting the Fed's target for the short-term federal funds rate, currently 5.5 percent, which is its key operational tool for stabilizing the economy. A "miss" by the Fed on adding cash to the system can cause overnight interest rates to bounce up or down anexpectedly.

The Fed's Balancing Act

The Federal Reserve has less margin for error now in deciding how much money to pump into the banking system to keep overnight interest rates where it wants them. The biggest reason: Banks have found ways to reduce the level of reserves they must keep in non-interest-bearing accounts at the



are much more open and flexible now, says Peter Fisher, executive vice president.

In Face of Labor Protest, Athens Outlines Plans for Privatizations

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputch

ATHENS — Defying threats by labor unions, Greece announced Wednesday a timetable for selling stakes in or operating licenses for 11 state companies over the next 17 months to raise more than \$2.6 billion as the country attempts to qualify for European monetary union.

The plans include the September sale of a 15 percent stake in Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA. Greece's largest company, and the July sale of the state's remaining 80 percent stake in Hellenic Duty Free Shops SA, the largest commercial retailer. These two sales would raise about

800 billion drachmas (\$2.6 billion) this year, the government said

The list also includes the Athens and Thessaloniki water boards and ports, up to 49 percent of which will be offered to investors, as well as the Corinth Canal, the Horse Racing Organization and the Thessaloniki Trade Fair.

"The flotation of the 11 state corporations will reap significant benefits for Greek citizens," said Finance Minister Yannos Papandoniou.

The Athens bourse appeared to welcome the news, as the ASE Composite Index closed at 2,494.66 points, up 2.3 percent.

The announcement came just days before an anticipated labor reaction to the planned sale of state banks. Strikes at banks are expected to start Friday and run through June 5, and Greece's largest labor organization, the General Confederation of Greek Workers, has called for a nationwide anti-privatization walkout on May 27 the third in two months - to protest state-asset

sales and labor reforms. "The government will not sacrifice its important targets, such as joining EMU, to the altar of intense although limited labor-union reactions," Mr. Papandoniou said.

economic recovery for Greece, the only EU member to be left out of the first phase of Europe's monetary union for failing to meet economic criteria.

Determined to qualify by 2001, it has vowed to streamline its economy and shrink its bloated public sector. It devalued the drachma by 14 percent and entered it in the European exchange-rate mechanism March 14. The privatizations, if successful, are expected to help Greece cut its budget deficit to less than 3 percent of gross domestic product, one of the requirements for joining the common currency. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

Labor reaction has made for a rocky road to

As part of their growth commitments, EU members agreed to prepare unemployment action plans. At their year-end meeting in Vienna, leaders will examine how effective governments have been in translating these programs into action, and identify those practices that can best be used generally throughout the EU.
The Brussels-based commission did not, as some reports have suggested,

criticize Paris and Rome for their plans to shorten the workweek to 35 hours. Instead, it singled out the programs of France and Spain, two countries with among the EU's worst unemployment records, for setting out specific priorities and quantifying the efforts and resources needed to deal with the problem.

Many members of the European Parliament, on the other hand, were harsh in their criticism of governments, making it clear that they did not approve of the horse-trading that led to the awkward Brussels compromise.

The wheeling and dealing had taken EU citizens to the "clear limits of their patience," said Christa Randzio-Plath, who compiled the Parliament's report on the six nominees to the bank's executive

council, including Mr. Duisenberg.

Although the legislature had no authority to reverse the leaders' decision or set the timetable for any bank officer's departure, a vote against any of the nonrinces could have been political damaging

for the central bank's credibility. Mr. Duisenberg had intimated that he would not serve if he failed to win the Parliament's confidence. He was approved, 439 votes to 40, with 59 abstentions. The other council members

 Mr. Noyer, Engenio Domingo Solans of Spain, Otmar Issing of Germany, Sirkka Hamalainen of Finland and Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa of Italy were confirmed by similar margins.

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Home Depot Chief Builds A New Outlook: His Own

By Jennifer Steinhauer New York Times Service

TLANTA - Their roles were always clear. Bernard Marcus, co-founder of Home Depot Inc., served as the public and very animated face of one of the fastest-growing retail companies in the United States. As chief executive for 19 years, he sparred with investment bankers, told jokes at company dinners and was universally viewed as the man who put the fun in two-by-fours and

toilet plungers. The other co-founder, Arthur Blank, was the operations guy. He crunched the was the operations guy, the crunched the numbers and kept a close eye on inventories. Funny and personable in his own right, he still let Mr. Marcus hog the limelight.

But in the year since Mr. Marcus handed over the chief executive's reins and edged into the background as chairman, Mr. Blank has quietly begun to make his mark.

He is doing so at a crucial time. All fast-growing retailers that spend years putting stores in every corner of the country must one day face the challenge of keeping the excitement alive, for both investors and shoppers, even as un-touched territory dwindles. For Home Depot, that time is now, so it falls to Mr.

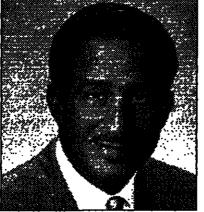
Blank to steer the company into new markets and expansion by acquisition. This year "was more challenging than any I remember," Mr. Blank said during an interview in his office, which overlooks a sea of trees on the edge of downtown Atlanta.

Although Home Depot is best known as the do-it-yourself giant, providing everything from screws to electrical wiring for American fixer-uppers, the company is determined to branch out.

It is trying to snag more professional builders and, through its new Expo stores, bring in upper-income shoppers who want someone else to redo their homes. And recent acquisitions show that it has other irons in the fire.

Perhaps most significant to employees, Mr. Blank is padding out the free and easy management structure by recruiting senior executives from outside to help steer the company in new di-

The story of Home Depot's beginnings is practically the stuff of retail legend. Mr. Marcus and Mr. Blank met in 1968 when both worked for the Handy Dan home-improvement chain in California. In 1978, they were dismissed over disagreements about the small chain's future. (Revenge came later, when Home Depot's muscle helped put Handy Dan out of business.)



Arthur Blank of Home Depot Inc.

That same year, they formed Home Depot, with the goal of encouraging creative input from everyone from salespeople to managers. With stock options offered even to the lowest-level employees, the enemy would be the humber yard down the street, not the

This familial structure, plus a ferocious sense of competition — the executive floor is plastered with posters displaying such exhortations as "Make dust or eat dust" — proved a winning combination.

Since Home Depot went public in 1981 at 79 cents a share (adjusted for splits), the stock has risen nearly hundredfold. And it has posted more consistent results than the likes of Toys 'R'

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Microsoft Keeps Window Open

Shares Rise on Hopes That New Software Might Ship on Time

REDMOND, Washington — Mi-. crosoft Corp. shares rose Wednesday on optimism that the company's Windows 98 software will ship on time following a

favorable appeals court ruling.
Shares in the world's No. 1 maker of personal-computer software closed at \$86.75, up \$1.0625.

A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that a December court order requiring separation of the Windows 95 computer operating system and Internet Explorer

browser did not apply to Windows 98.

Late Tuesday, the Texas attorney general, Dan Morales, pulled Texas out of a group of 12 states preparing to file a broad antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft, citing pressure from computer makers based in Texas, including Compaq Computer Corp., Dell Computer Corp., and CompUSA Inc., a PC retailer.

"This is a sigh of relief," said Brett Berry, a portfolio manager with Bailard, Biehl & Kaiser, which owns shares of Microsoft, referring to the court decision. This is good news in that they can go ahead and release Windows 98.

Microsoft plans to start shipping the Windows 98 operating system to PC makers Friday. It wants to have the program available to consumers June 25. But more legal challenges to Windows

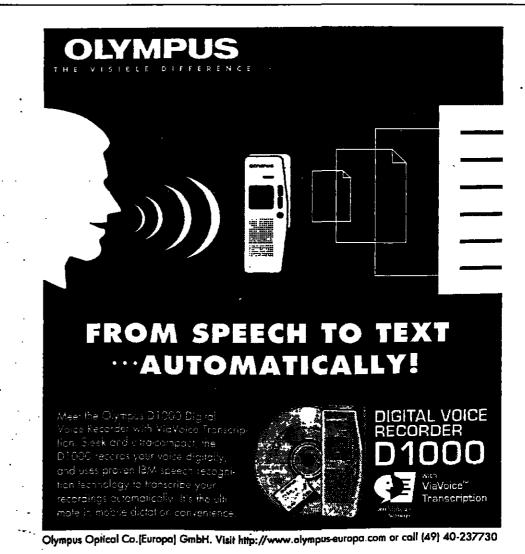
98 remain. The states and the U.S. Justice Department are considering filing law-suits as early as Thursday that would accuse Microsoft of unfairly extending its dominance in PC operating systems to new Internet markets. Government regulators could then

seek a court ruling that stopped ship-ment of Windows 98. Last week, the Microsoft chairman, Bill Gates, and PC industry leaders ar-

gued that any delay in Windows 98,

which has a tightly embedded Internet browser, would hurt the U.S. economy. Microsoft is also facing a legal challenge from Sun Microsystems Inc., which is asking a federal court to block shipment of Windows 98 unless it includes a universal version of Sun's Java programming language. Sun claims that Microsoft rewrote the Java language so

it works best on Windows machines. (Bloomberg, AFP)



Very briefly:

• U.S. retail sales rose 0.5 percent in April, to \$222 billion, after a flat March as stores got the shopping boost they had hoped that Easter and school holidays would bring. The lowest U.S. unemployment rate since 1970, coupled with a lack of inflation, has helped fuel a buying frenzy this year.

• Kmart Corp., the third-largest U.S. retailer, said firstquarter earnings more than tripled from a year earlier, to.\$47 million, helped by strong increases in apparel sales. Kmart's profit got a boost as demand for women's fashions, snack foods and Martha Stewart home goods lifted sales at stores open at least a year by 6.1 percent.

• Federated Department Stores Inc. said its first-quarter earnings more than doubled from a year earlier, to \$60 million, with a late Easter holiday lifting April sales. The company said earnings at its Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Stern's chains had also begun reaping the benefits of a cost-cutting program.

• Bay Networks Inc.'s shares rose after the company told analysts it had rejected an acquisition offer from Northern Telecom Ltd. as too low but would consider higher bids. Bay was quoted at \$28 in late trading, up \$4.

• Callaway Golf Co., the world's largest maker of premium golf clubs, said increased price competition and currency turmoil in Asia could cut its second-quarter earnings sharply. • U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin recommended that

President Bill Clinton veto pending legislation to revamp the financial-services industry, saying it "would substantially weaken the national banking system." He said the legislation would "diminish the role of the executive branch" in supervising national banks.

• H&R Block Inc. acquired an accounting firm in a first step toward building a national accounting practice. The firm, Donnelly Meiners Jordan Kline, will be acquired by Block's newly formed unit, HRB Business Services Inc. "This is the first in what we expect will be a series of local and regional accounting-firm acquisitions," said Frank Salizzoni, H&R Block's president.

Blue-Chips Set Record On Benign Price Data

NEW YORK --- Stocks and Treasury bond prices rose Wednesday, with blue-chips setting a record, as investors decided that U.S. inflation Board enough evidence of inflation to consider raising interest rates.

The Labor Department said its producer price index rose a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent in April as rising costs for tobacco and food offset a decline in energy prices.

It was the first increase in seven still 1.2 percent lower on the year. it went pubic in 1994.

U.S. STOCKS

The report will give Fed policymakers little reason to raise interest rates when they meet Tuesday, analysts said. The numbers mean a steady Fed

going forward," said Kevin Kennedy, a bond manager at Citibank Global Asset Management. 'It reinforces business as usual: strong growth and low inflation."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 50.07 points higher at a re-cord 9,211.84. The Standard & Poor's 500 index finished 3.07 points higher at 1,118.86. But losing issues outnumbered gaining ones by an 8-to-7 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

The price of the benchmark 30year Treasury bond rose 15/32 point to 102 19/32, sending the yield down to 5.94 percent from 5.97 percent Tuesday.

Bond prices got an added lift from trong demand at the Treasury's sale of \$12 billion in 10-year notes.

The appeal of U.S. assets was enhanced by worries about the economic health of many Asian countries. Weak economic data continue to flow out of Japan; and Indonesia is

wrestling with civil unrest triggered by unpopular economic reforms.

"As long as Asia stays in trouble. we're going to continue to benefit. Our markets are going to continue to data did not offer the Federal Reserve go up." said Bruce Bittles, market strategist at J.C. Bradford & Co.

C-Phone was the most actively traded U.S. issue, rising 61/4 to 99/16 after introducing a television set-top box that provides Internet access using a TV and phone line. The device marks a change in strategy for the videoconferencing company, months, but wholesale prices were which has been losing money since

Other technology issues also were strong. Motorola rose 3 7/16 to 59 5/ 16 on speculation that the maker of telecommunications equipment could be bought by Siemens of Germany. Siemens denied any interest in buying the mobile phone and

semiconductor company.

Intuit rose 19/32 to 49% after announcing plan to provide smallbusiness loans over the Internet. Innodata rose 4 to 51% after the

provider of Internet and on-line publishing services posted a firstquarter profit, reversing a loss a year earlier.

Eli Lilly rose 2 to 68 9/16 after a study found that the company's Evista estrogen replacement lowered levels of harmful cholesterol in postmenopausal women.

Cephalon fell 3¼ to 11½ on speculation that its Myotrophin drug for Lon Gehrig's disease may not win final U.S. regulatory approval.

Bed, Bath & Beyond fell 21/2 to 51¼ after the home-furnishings retailer said that family trusts owned by Warren Eisenberg and Leonard Feinstein, co-chief executives of the company, had sold 2 million shares as part of their estate planning. (Bloomherg, Bridge News, AP)

Republic to Spin Off Unit

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida - Republic Industries Inc. stake scheduled for next year. said Wednesday it planned to sell as much as 35 percent of its wastehauling business in an initial pub- ers, using its stock to make aclic offering to raise as much as \$2 billion. It will spin off the rest of the unit to shareholders.

Republic, led by Wayne Huiz-enga, said it would use the proceeds to buy more auto dealerships. The public offering of Republic Services Inc. will take \$27.0625, up 43.75 cents.

place in the second or third quarter, with the spin-off of the remaining

The company has built a national network of new and used-car dealquisitions. With its share price down 24 percent since October, the cash would help Republic accelerate its acquisition plan based on combining auto-retailing operations to cut costs and raise profit. Republic's shares closed at

Critics Force Changes on Nike

Factories to Get New Rules on Working Age, Health and Safety,

By John H. Cushman Jr. New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - In promhealth and safety standards, Nike lution, Inc. has bowed to pressure from famous shoe brand into a synonym for exploitation.

and chief executive, also agreed to a demand that the company has long resisted, pledging to allow outsiders from labor and human rights groups to join the independent auditors who inspect the factories in Asia, interviewing workers and assessing working conditions.

"We believe that these are practices which the conscientious, good companies will follow in the 21st century," he said Tuesday in a speech at the National Press Club. "These moves do more than just set industry standards. They reflect who we are as a com-

Nike said it would raise the minminimum age of new workers in dramatic actions.

other factories to 16, in countries young as 14 to hold such jobs. Footwear factories have heavier ising to root out underage workers machinery and use more dangerand require overseas manufactur- ous raw materials. including ers of its wares to meet strict U.S. solvents that cause toxic air pol-

At overseas factories that procritics who have tried to turn its duce Nike shoes, the company said, it would tighten air-quality controls to ensure that the air Philip Knight, Nike's chairman breathed by workers meets the same standards enforced by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in the United Mr. Knight's pledges did not

include increased wages, a major demand of critics who say Nike and other U.S. companies pay workers in China and Vietnam less than \$2 a day and workers in Indonesia less than \$1 a day. Even though the cost of living is much lower in these countries, critics say workers need to make at least \$3 a day to achieve adequate living

In his speech, Mr. Knight defended the company's record of creating jobs and improving facimum age for hiring new workers tory conditions abroad but seemed in shoe factories to 18 and the to acknowledge that it was time for

"It has been said that Nike has, where it is common for workers as single-handedly lowered the human rights standards for the sole purpose of maximizing profits, he said. "The Nike product has become synonymous with slave wages, forced overtime and arbitrary abuse."
"I truly believe that the Amer-

ican consumer does not want to buy products made in abusive conditions," he said.

The initiatives announced Tuesday address the types of issues, like air quality, that were raised by an inspection report prepared for the company by Ernst & Young. The report found many unsafe conditions at a plant in Vietnam, adding to criticisms of the company when the report was made public by the Transnational Resource and Action Center, a nonprofit group that often criticizes conditions at U.S. factories overseas.

The company's critics responded favorably to many elements of the plan. But they noted that Mr. Knight had not promised to raise wages. They also cautioned that he had not spelled out which groups would be allowed to participate in the new monitoring of factories and that he had not provided other details of that part of his commitment.

Rate Outlook Hits Canadian Dollar

rose against the Canadian dollar cern about tumbling Asian financial Wednesday after Prime Minister markets. In 4 P.M. trading, the dollar Jean Chretien and the Bank of Canada surprised traders by signaling that they did not want interest rates to rise.

"The announcement that Bank of Canada isn't in a tightening mode sent the Canadian dollar lower," said Diego Giurleo, manager of currency sales at Royal Bank of Canada. "There were a lot of people positioned against that."

The Bank of Canada bought Canadian dollars 15 minutes after it released its monetary-policy report, which suggested interest rates would not rise in the near future. But the intervention did little to stem the Canadian currency's slide. The U.S. dollar rose to 1.4455

Canadian dollars from 1.4343 dollars Tuesday after Mr. Chretien said inflation was not a threat. The U.S. currency also was higher Japan is Asia's biggest creditor and

against the yen as concern that Japan NEW YORK — The U.S. dollar might sell dollars was offset by conwas at 134.155 yen, up from 133.950 yen the previous day. It also gained to 1.7790 Deutsche marks from 1.7757 DML

'Japan may do whatever it can to keep the yen from weakening," said John Praveen, global market

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strategist at BEA Associates Inc. "The yen is very critical in the whole Asian crisis. If the yen weakens, that will have a domino effect on the rest of Asia."

Concern that Asia's troubles would prolong Japan's economic slump sent the yield on the benchmark 10-year Japanese government bond to a new low of 1.29 percent. Declining Asian currencies and securities prices hurt the yen because

needs to be repaid to help its own economy.
"With the rest of Asia in crisis,

Japan is the most directly affected," Mr. Praveen said. "Weakness in Asia leads to yea weakness.

Economic weakness in the rest of Asia also is taking a toll on Japan's economy. Orders received by Japanese industrial machinery makers fell 10.9 percent, the fifth straight decline, largely because of a drop in sales to the Asian region.

The dollar managed its small gain against the mark after Olaf Sievert, a Bundesbank council member, said he saw no reason to raise German interest rates right away. Many economists have been expecting the central bank to lift rates to bring them in line with rates in other countries ioining European monetary union.:

Against other currencies, the dollar rose to 5.9665 French francs from 5.9540 francs and to 1.4817 Swiss francs from 1.4810 francs. The pound eased to \$1.6325 from \$1.6330.

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LONDON — Unemployment in Britain tumbled by more than 17,000 in April to its lowest rate in 18 years, official figures showed Wednesday, and an increase in average earnings kept alive the possibility of a further interest. interest-rate rise.

The Office for National Statistics said the drop in the number of jobless put the April unemployment rate at 4.8 percent, the lowest since 1980 and down from 4.9 percent in March. The report also showed that av-

erage earnings in the three months to February rose 4.9 percent from a year earlier, compared with a 4.6 percent increase in the three months to January.

The increase dashed market hopes of a definitive sign that interest rates have peaked and even took the Bank of England's chief economist,

Mervyn King, by surprise.

Speaking after the release of the bank's quarterly inflation report, Mr. King said wage growth would have to fall back if the government's inflation target were to have any

chance of being hit. The alarm bell from the central bank drowned out the otherwise more optimistic message in its in-flation report, which predicted inflation would stick close to 2.5 percent over the next two years.

The government was also concerned enough to fire out a rapid warning. "Again, private-sector earnings give serious cause for concern," the Treasury said, adding that high pay now could mean higher rates, lost jobs and slower growth in the future.

The tightness of the labor market has been a nagging concern for the Bank of England in its fight to keep inflation down, and the latest data offered hawks more reasons to dig

their heels in. Minutes of the bank's April Monetary Policy Committee meeting, made public Wednesday, showed the group split, 5 votes to 3, in favor of keeping key interest rates at 7.25 percent, where they have been since last November.



Munich Opens a Link Between Airport's Terminals

Erwin Huber, Bavaria's state minister, left, standing in front of the nearly completed Munich Airport Center at its opening ceremony Wednesday. Mr. Huber was joined by Willi Hermsen, center, the airport's manager, and Helmet Jahn, the German-American architect of the building, which links two of the airport's terminals.

New Suitors Line Up for PolyGram

BAARN, Netherlands, -- Poly-Gram NV, the world's largest recorded-music company, is the object of a bidding battle between Seagram Co. and two U.S. leveraged-buyout funds, according to reports published Wednesday.

Seagram is likely to bid as much as \$10 billion for all of PolyGram, which is 75 percent owned by Royal Philips Electronics NV, the Financial Times of London said without citing sources. Forstmann Little & Co. and Thomas H. Lee Co. also are interested, The New York Times reported separately, quoting people familiar with the situation. Philips declined to comment, and PolyGram

could not be reached for comment. PolyGram's film business, alexpanding rapidly and could give declined to comment on the report. Seagram's Universal Studios a lift. The New York Times reported At the same time, Seagram's relatively small music business would jump to the head of the pack, allowing it to capitalize on the lucrative Monday that the bid price would be marketing link between movies and their soundtracks. The leveragedbuyout funds do not appear to offer

such a good match, analysts said. "The logic of the matter is that a leveraged-buyout organized bid is Philips expressing interest in buying not going to be able to gain the same synergies," said Nigel Reed, an analyst at Paribas Capital Markets. "I'd expect Seagram to be first in the frame.

In addition, PolyGram's chief ex-

The New York Times reported Saturday that Seagram was interested in PolyGram, and The Wall Street Journal/Europe reported

between \$9 billion and \$10 billion. The New York Times reported Wednesday that Forstmann Little and Thomas H. Lee had sent letters to the boards of both PolyGram and the Philips entertainment subsidiary. On the Amsterdam bourse, Poly-

Gram's shares rose 3.20 guilders, to 105.70 (\$53.12), while Philips's shares fell 1.50, to 196.40. Philips aroused speculation about

ecutive, Alain Levy, is rumored to the sale of PolyGram when it said be planning a management buyout last week that it was "evaluating with the backing of Societe Generale various strategic options" for its though it now accounts for just 16 SA of France, Variety magazine re-percent of the company's revenue, is ported, adding that PolyGram had refused to provide further details.

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C&W Posts Higher Profit In the Face of Asian Turmoil

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputche LONDON — Cable & Wireless PLC said Wednesday that its profit rose 13 percent last year and that it had successfully ridden out the

Asian economic downtum.

The telephone company posted pretax profit of £1.60 billion (\$2.61 billion) for the year that ended March 31, up from £1.42 billion a year earlier. Sales rose to £8.30 billion from £7.00 billion. The company said it had raised its customer base by 70 percent, to 17 million.

The results exceeded analysts' expectations, and Cable & Wireless's shares rose 10 pence to close at 690.

The company said it had managed strong growth despite the cost of strategic investments and said its Hongkong Telecommunications Ltd. subsidiary had shown "impres-

sive growth."

C&W posted a one-time gain of £519 million on the sale to China of a 5.5 percent stake in Hongkong Telecom and a £518 million gain in taxfree compensation by the government ahead of the early surrender of Hongkong Telecom's international monopoly. The gains were offset by a £158 million charge.

C&W said it and its new partner, Telecom Italia, planned to connect multinational customers in every major European market by the end of the year. (AFP, AFX, Reuters)

Profit Rises 18% At Telefonica

MADRID — Telefonica SA said Wednesday its first-quarter profit rose nearly 18 percent, helped by robust growth in mobile telephones and foreign

business operations. First-quarter profit was 32.83 billion pesetas (\$217.9 million), up from 27.9 billion pesetas in the year-earlier quarter. Sales rose to 716.58 billion pesetas

		
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Very briefly:

• Tetley Group will sell shares on the London exchange to raise capital for an expansion. The maker of bagged tea, which was acquired by an investment group from Allied-Domecq PLC, will give details of the listing, including a price range, in June. • Switzerland will sell shares in Swisscom this autumn but

has yet to decide on the size of the offering. · Anglogold Ltd. of South Africa and Barrick Gold Corp. of Canada will explore gold properties together in Mali, Senegal and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Anglogold will spend as much as \$15.6 million to finance the exploration in exchange for stakes in various Barrick properties in Africa.

 British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC and British Digital Broadcasting agreed to make their digital television decoders compatible, resolving the companies' principal disagreement, according to the Independent Television Commission.

• Smith Kline Beecham PLC abruptly dropped plans to market the lead migraine drug of Vanguard Medica PLC, citing an overload of new products.

 A Bundesbank council member, Olaf Sievert, said he saw no need to change interest rates now, though he said the German central bank had to increasingly take into account the Europewide inflation outlook.

• A Deutsche Bank AG management board member, Josef Ackermann, took direct control of the bank's investmentbanking business. He had shared control of the unit with Ronaldo Schmitz, who will concentrate on client relations.

• France Telecom's first-quarter sales rose 4 percent from a year earlier, to 39.2 billion francs (\$6.59 billion), as increased use of mobile phones and its Wanadoo Internet access service offset falling revenue from fixed-line connections.

 Snecma, the state-owned French maker of jet engines, is studying building with General Electric Co. a new engine for use in planes seating 100 to 200 passengers. Bloomberg. Reuters

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*82% Jump in Japan Surplus Likely to Spark U.S Pressure

TOKYO = The surplus in Japan's broadest measure of trade jumped nearly 82 percent in the year to March 31, the first annual increase in tive years, data made public on Wednesday showed.

The Finance Ministry said Japan's current account surplus, which measures trade in merchandise, services, tourism and investment before adjustment for seasonal factors, was 13.04 trillion yen (\$97.34 billion) in 1997-98. The amount was the largest since Japan recorded a Japan.

surplus of 14.22 trillion ven in 1992-93.

manage growth of I percent. The data are likely to prompt increased U.S. pressure on Japan to revive its sluggish economy, which would lead to more imports that might cap the ballooning surplus.

"The United States is going to continue to put pressure on Japan," said Mamoru Yamazaki, senior economist at Paribas Capital Markets, "But whereas in the past they've demanded that exports be restrained, this time its more a problem of U.S. goods not selling in

Tokyo is already under intense interna-

a Japanese current account surplus of more than 2.5 percent of Japan's gross domestic product unacceptable. The 13 trillion yen sur-plus for 1997-98 is around 2.5 percent of

Eisuke Sakibara, the vice rinance minister for international affairs, said an excessively

weak yen was pushing the surplus higher.
The Finance Ministry said that planned structural reforms in Japan's economy, an The surplus in merchandise trade alone tional pressure to boost donestic demand and expected drop in exports to the rest of Asia, rose 55 percent, to 13.6 trillion yen. Exports open its markets — not only to redress trade and likely increases in imports from a series of and likely increases in imports from a series of and likely increases in imports from a series of and likely increases in imports from a series of and likely increases in imports from a series of and likely increases in imports from a series of an analysis of the series of the jumped 11 percent, while imports did not even imbalances but also to help troubled Asian economic stimulus measures were expected

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neighbors who depend on Japan to absorb their exports.

The United States is widely seen as finding

to stem the upward growth in the surplus.

But analysts disagreed.

Junji Ota, an economist at the Okasan Economic Research Institute, said, "The domestic economy has deteriorated more than I expected six months ago, and I can no longer picture a scenario in which imports would grow again.

He added. "The auto industry depended heavily on exports to Asia, but even if their economies stagnate, European-bound exports should grow further.

The Finance Ministry said vehicle exports rose 26.8 percent in value in the year to March, while vehicle imports dropped 23.3 (AP, Reulers, AFP)



Kim Rules Out Strikes And Student Support

SEOUL - President Kim Dae Jung, trying to calm investors, warned unions Wednesday that he would take tough action against strikes and said students could not take part in labor rallies.

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Strikes are absolutely unac-ceptable." Mr. Kim was quoted by his office as saying during a cabinet inceting. He warned that foreigners would not invest in the country if strikes erupted.

The Federation of Metal Workers Unions immediately defied Mr. Kim, a former dissident himself, promising mass strikes May 27 unless employers agreed to curb lay offs. The tederation is supported by 200 000 members at 180 companies, including Hyundai Motor Co. and other major automakers. All tederation members are also affiliated with the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions.

A spokesman for that umbrella group said the May 27 strikes would be a "first action."

The confederation plans rallies Saturday in Seoul and elsewhere to protest lavoffs under the economic retrenchment that was mandated by the International Monetary Fund in return for an aid package for South Korea valued at about \$57 billion.

The confederation's leaders have accused bosses of sacrificing workers and refusing to make trillion won, or 8.7 percent of total changes among their own ranks in credit, at the end of March. violation of a February accord on

sharing the burden of overcoming

the economic crisis. Mr. Kim said the right to hold peaceful rallies was guaranteed by law and called for police to refrain from using tear gas as a method of crowd control.

But he added: "There cannot be student participation. Students

are not laborers. More than 20,000 workers and students threw rocks at riot police. who fired tear gas, during a rally in central Seoul on May I staged by the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions.

Stock prices in Seoul rose on expectation that the government would raise the maximum stake that foreign investors could hold in South Korean companies. The composite index of the Korea Stock Exchange finished 4.72 points higher, at 356.58.

Separately, Mr. Kim said bad or doubtful loans to companies by South Korean financial concerns amounted to 120 trillion won (\$86.46 billion), half of which might have to be written off.

Even the remaining half of these loans could at best be retrieved by stages over a long time," he said.

The Office of Bank Supervision, meanwhile, said nonperforming loans extended by 26 South Korean banks totaled 31.7

(AFP, Reuters)



JAPANESE FINANCIAL GIANTS AGREE ON LINK - Masao Nishimura, left, president of Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd., and Junichiro Ujüe, president of Nomura Securities Co., announcing an agreement Wednesday to form two joint ventures to offer financial products and services.

Very briefly:

- Bank Indonesia, the country's central bank, reduced its estimate of the country's total corporate foreign debt to \$78.2 billion from \$80.2 billion. Including government borrowings, total foreign debt was put at \$131.67 billion.
- Cazenove & Co., Britain's largest independent stockbroker, will focus its Asian business on regional hubs in Hong Kong and Singapore while trimming some smaller offices such as those in Malaysia and Thailand, executives said.
- Boots PLC, Britain's leading pharmacy chain, plans to invest £5.2 million (\$8.5 million) to open 40 health and beauty stores in Thailand over the next two years. Separately, the company said it was making progress in its search to find a partner to enter the Japanese market.
- Mitsubishi Motors Corp. is negotiating with several other automakers, including General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Corp., to sell technology to make fuel- efficient engines.
- Fuji Photo Film Co.'s group net profit rose 4.1 percent to 88.8 billion yen (\$662.9 million), in the year that ended in March, as Asia's economic crisis restricted growth.
- Osaka, Japan's second-largest city, will use 30 billion yen in taxpayer money to bail out troubled credit cooperatives saddled with bad debt from speculative lending in the 1980s.
- Japan's domestic shipments of personal computers fell 5 percent in the year that ended in March, to 6.85 million units. the first drop since 1993, the Japan Electronic Industry Development Association said.

Asia Crisis Slashes China's Export Growth

BEIJING - Growth in China's exports has slowed sharply in reaction to the Asian financial crisis. statistics released Wednesday showed.

a 26.9 percent growth rate for the period in 1997, the General Administration of Customs said.

'New orders in the first quarter fell rapidly, indicating exports will slip this year," said Han Xiushen of

China has been bracing for a shock to its export industries amid the Asian crisis, which has cut demand for Chinese goods and made products from other Asian countries more competitive. Beijing has re-China's exports grew 11.6 percent in the January-April period from a year earlier, but that was down from year earlier, but that was down from peatedly promised not to devalue

Japanese Investors Cash In

TOKYO - Japanese investors were net sellers of foreign stocks and bonds in March as companies repatriated profits to settle their accounts for the end of their financial year, the Finance Ministry said Wednesday.

Japanese investors sold a net 1.31 trillion yen (\$9.86 billion) of foreign bonds, including 763.6 billion yen of U.S. government and corporate bonds and 347.9 billion yen of foreign stocks, in March, the ministry said. For the year that ended March 31, Japanese investors sold a net 628.2 gn bonds and bought 1.09 trillion yen of billion yen of for foreign stocks. But Japanese investors probably became net buyers of foreign stocks and bonds as of April, traders and analysts said, as they could earn more interest overseas than at home. "The period when the Japanese were shedding their Treasurys is probably over, Brian Rose of SBC Warburg Japan Ltd. said.

Foreign investors bought a net 34 billion yen of Japanese bonds in March and 467.5 billion yen of Japanese stocks, the ministry said.

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School (expletive) in here, things will fall apart. Both Mr. Marcus and Mr. Blank always went to great pains to tell the world they worked as a team, that 98 percent of all questions would get the same answer from either of them. They are in many ways interchange-able, said Andrew Taussig. managing director of Credit

Suisse First Boston, Home

Depot's investment bank. But people who know both executives say Mr. Blank was often lost in Mr. Marcus's comic shadow. "If you heard Arthur speak at a dinner, and you had never heard Bernie, you would think Arthur was the most dynamic, interesting speaker around," one company executive said. "The problem would be if you had heard Bernie.

Mr. Marcus is far from out

of the picture. He continues to train personally all the company's top managers, and consults regularly with Mr. Blank. "I am still very much involved," he said. "I spend the same amount of my time at the company as last year.

But with the reins firmly in his own hands, Mr. Blank is working to make his mark. The Street may be more familiar with Bernie, Mr. Taussig said, but Arthur has been spending much of his time over the last 10 years growing and improving the

store base." Indeed, when Mr. Blank tours a Home Depot store each year, he visits roughly 100 of the 657 stores — employees trail along like ducklings, waiting for proclamations on a shower-head display or checkout efficiency.

Home Depot stores are still his first love, and Mr. Blank expects their number to grow about 20 percent a year for a few years, ending in 2001 with 1,300 stores.

Investors are curious about how much that can add to the already fat stock price. This is one of the few growth markets in retailing. said Howard Ward, who manages

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Home Court

Helps Jazz

Top Spurs to

Win Series

By Ric Bucher

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz

fought hard during the regular season to

secure the home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. That advantage

paid off in Game 5 of their Western

Conference semifinal by making the

Utah players' legs a little less weary and

the ankle of Tim Duncan, the San Ant-

playing their fourth postseason game in

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less than a week, stayed a step ahead of

the San Antonio Spurs for an 87-77

victory Tuesday, winning the best-ofseven series by four games to one.

encouragement provided by the Delta Center din for Utah's making its third

consecutive trip to the conference finals.

"It was kind of a draw today, except our fans put us over the hump," Sloan said. "This is why you fight for the

home-court advantage."

On the plane ride to Salt Lake City,
Duncan's sprained left ankle swelled
up. Although he still managed to score

14 points, grab 11 rebounds and block a

pair of shots in 38 minutes before foul-

ing out, his lack of mobility was ap-

basketball team," said Gregg Popovich, the Spurs' coach. "It's not because of

Tim Duncan's ankle. But having said

that, I was surprised by how it was

today. He was getting better every day, and what really got him was the plane ride. It really swelled up on him. He felt

he was less mobile today than he was the

last three or four days."

Duncan tried to play down the impact

of his ankle, which he injured at the start

'It is what it is," he said. "I don't-

But fatigue bothered both teams,

which is why the outcome was decided

long before the end, with the Jazz mak-

ing a decisive push at the end of the-

closer than seven in the third quarter and

the deficit stayed in double figures the

keep plugging away in a game like this," Malone said. "I'm glad we had a

cushion because nobody could make a

beyond the three-point arc. Neither team

shot better than 40 percent, but the Jazz

made five of nine three-pointers, includ-

ing four of six in the second quarter.
The Spurs tried to fire back from long

In the absence of a knockout punch, the Jazz landed long-range jabs from

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"It was an ugly game, but you just

of overtime in the Spurs' Game 2 loss.

think the swelling was a problem.

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'Utah won because they're a better

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 24 points and 13 rebounds, but Jerry Sloan, the Jazz coach, credited the deafening

The Jazz, fighting the fatigue borne of

onio Spurs star rookie, a little fatter.

Milan Buys Bierhoff

SOCCER Oliver Bierhoff, the German international striker, will move from Udinese to AC Milan next season, his agent, Claudio Pasqualin, said Wednesday.

The agent did not disclose terms but Milan is thought to be paying Udinese about 20 billion lire (\$11 million) for Bierhoff, the leading scorer of the Italian league with 25

Whale Slows Leader

SAILING Merit Cup took the lead in the eighth leg of the Whitbread round the world race Wednesday even though it had collided with a whale the day before.

Grant Dalton, the skipper, said there appeared to be only minor damage from the collision during the leg from Annapolis, Maryland, to La Rochelle, France.

"I am sure the whale is hurting more than us," Dalton said. "There was a lot of blood in the water. There was a very loud noise and the boat stopped dead. Then it gave us a flick with its tail before it swam

A Fight for the Ages

BOXING George Foreman, who is 49, and Larry Holmes, 48, two former heavyweight world champions have signed to fight each other, Roy Foreman, George's brother,

said Wednesday.
The purses will reportedly be \$10 million for Foreman and \$4 million for Holmes. Neither the location nor the date of the fight has been set. Foreman will be 50 on Jan. 10; Holmes will be 49 on Nov.

Miami Hot for Albert?

BASKETBALL The Miami Heat is reportedly interested in signing Marv Albert as a broadcaster for its TV games, "The Heat already have put out 'informal and preliminary feelers to Albert," the New York Daily News reported Wednesday.

Albert, a longtime National Basketball Association and New York Knicks announcer, was dismissed by the league in September after pleading guilty to misdemeanor assault charges in a sex case.

On Monday, the Heat fired David Halberstam, who was their radio broadcaster for six years.

Heading Into Danger

SOCCER Inexperienced players should wear protective head gear when heading a ball, said Glen Dods, a physiotherapist and the author of a review of injuries related to heading, which was published Wednesday. Dods, who played international soccer for New Zealand, said the practice was particularly risky for the young.

He said he found many players suffered early degeneration of the lower spine and some brain injuries similar to boxers. "I can generally pick an old soccer player by their bad ankles and grotty lower cervical spines." he said.

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WORLD ROUNDUP South Africa Accepts Deal To Resolve Rugby Crisis

JOHANNESBURG - International

rugby tours to South Africa can go ahead after the country's rugby officials and its controlling sports body resolved a bitter dispute Wednesday.

Mluleki George, the president of the National Sports Council, said the two parties had agreed to appoint a com-mission of inquiry to investigate the South Africa Rugby Football Union.

He said rugby's suspension from the council would be lifted, and that an interim committee would be appointed to manage rugby's affairs. The committee will include Rian Oberholzer, rugby's chief executive. Oberholzer is the son-in-law of Louis Luyt who resigned Mon-

day as the sport's president.

"From now on there will be nobody in rugby to throw a spanner into what we have agreed upon, 's said George. The council had earlier said it would

call for renewed international boycotts if the entire rugby executive did not follow Luyt and resign.

The council, and the South African government, had accused rugby in the country of nepotism, financial mismanagement and racism. The crisis had threatened to divide the

sport along racial lines. But black administrators took comfort from the fact that a majority of rugby's executives, among them several whites, called on Luyt to quit last week.

Luyt launched a counterattack Wednesday in an interview with Volksblad, an Afrikaner-language newspaper. Luyt said white officials had turned

against him. "Spineless white people," he said. "I can put it no other way. There is no more marrow left in their bones. White people do not believe anymore that they can protect what is important

Luyt is still president of the Golden Lions, formerly Transvaal, rugby union, the richest affiliate of the South African rugby union. "I will not rest," he said. "No man is my master. I do not bend my knee for anybody other than my God."

 John O'Neill, the managing director of the Australian Rugby Union, said Wednesday that Australia would complain to rugby's world governing body next week about the weak England squad that will tour the southern hemi-

England has named a 37-man squad containing 17 new caps and missing at least a dozen leading players. O'Neill said English clubs had prevented their

players from going.
"They don't have trouble filling Twickenham so they don't appreciate the competitive environment in which the Australian Rugby Union operates," he said of England. "Rugby isn't the national game here in Australia. We still have to compete against rugby league, Australian Rules and soccer.

David Moffett, of the New Zealand Rugby Union, said, "We have the most parochial, fanatical fans in world rugby. There is nothing more that a Kiwi likes than England being beaten. (Reuters, AFP)



Herald Eribune

SPORTS

Magnus Norman hitting a backhand to Pete Sampras Wednesday at the Italian Open. Sampras won in two sets.

Sampras Gaining Steam on Clay

World No. 1 Downs Norman to Reach 3d Round of Italian Open

The Associated Press

ROME — Pete Sampras handled the clay, the heat and a past nemesis, Magnus Norman, in straight sets on Wednesday in the second round of the Italian

Sampras, the world's top-ranked player, continued to look comfortable on European clay in his preparations for the French Open. He beat the Swede, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4, in just over two hours. Sampras next faces a fellow American,

Michael Chang, who eliminated a French qualifier, Arnaud Clement, 7-5, 6-1. The Sampras-Norman match was played on the Foro Italico's center court, where temperatures hit 36 degrees celsi-

us (97 degrees Fahrenheit). Norman, who underwent heart sur-gery in December, called for his trainer during the changeover after the first game of the second set. Play was held up received a neck and arm massage. He said after the match that he had suffered

cramps in both shoulders. But Norman, who ended Sampras's French Open last year in the third round, returned to the court and battled the rest of the way, even holding two break points as the American served for the match in the final game.

Sampras had some trouble closing out each set. He held four set points on Norman's serve during the 12th game of the first set, but never broke through as the players went to a tiebreaker.

Sampras saved two set points, one with an ace measured at 197 kilometers per hour (122 miles per hour) before finally converting his own sixth set point. He got to 9-8 with another blis-

tering ace, and captured the tiebreaker when a Norman lob sailed long.

Sampras then wasted three break points to start the second set before hitting a backhand winner down the line to go ahead, 1-0, and put himself in position to win the match by holding service the rest of the way.

Marcelo Rios, seeded third, had no trouble against Tim Henman of Britain, winning by 6-3, 6-1, in just 55 minutes. Rios, who briefly took Sampras's No. 1 ranking earlier this season, has shown no ill effects from the left-elbow injury that sidelined him for five weeks. The Chilean has dropped just seven games in his two matches in Rome, and easily handled Henman, taking 16 of the

match's final 18 points.
Yevgeni Kafelnikov, seeded No. 6, was not in top form but got help from his opponent, Todd Martin, as he won, 1-6,

7-6 (7-4), 6-3. Martin led by 6-1, 4-2, but fell apart, serving consecutive double faults to go down, 3-5, in the decisive set.

Cedric Pioline, seeded No. 16, bowed out to a local wild-card entrant, Davide Sanguinetti, 6-4, 6-2.

■ Hingis Advances in Berlin

Martina Hingis of Switzerland, unbeaten on clay this year, blew past Silvia Farina of Romania, 6-0, 7-5, on Wednesday to reach the third round of the German Open, The Associated Press reported from Berlin.

Mary Pierce, seeded No. 6, was forced to withdraw with a strained left thigh while trailing Barbara Paulus of Austria, 6-4, 6-7 (1-7), 1-3.

The injury is not expected to sideline Pierce from the French Open, which begins in two weeks.

Final Cleared for Takeoff As Dutch Allow Flights

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

AMSTERDAM, — Dutch aviation officials agreed Wednesday to allow extra flights for Champions Cup fans and players into Amsterdam's airport.

Ger Stolk of the Royal Dutch Soccer Association said 90 charter flights would be able to land at Schiphol Airport for

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the game next Wednesday between Real Madrid and Juventus. The decision averted a threatened venue change. Aviation officials had said earlier in the week that there were not enough

landing slots at Schiphol for chartered flights carrying the 30,000 fans from Spain and Italy expected to attend.

Wim Kok, the Dutch prime minister,

said he discussed the problem with Annemarie Jorritsma, the transport minister and that it was "very important" that the final remained in Amsterdam.

due to hooliganism.

stand by his ruling until "the security of the public is guaranteed."

He called on the Argentinean soccer ederation to adopt measures establish-

ing improved security at matches. Hooliganism at Argentine matches has left 66 people dead and some 25,000 injured since 1930; 53 of those killed

have died since 1980 as groups of thugs known here as "barrabravas" have increasingly wrought havoc at matches. Perrota said matches of the Argentine

national side would not be affected. The judge had threatened several times to take this measure. The latest incident occurred last weekend when two River Plate supporters were shot in the legs before a match against Inde-

ARGENTINA A judge suspended Argentinean league matches Wednesday because of safety concerns at stadiums

Judge Victor Perrota said he would

range but made only 1 of 11 attempts. In the other game Tuesday, The Associated Press reported: Lakers 119, SuperSonics 95 in

Seattle, Los Angeles beat Seattle for the fourth straight time, reaching the Westem Conference finals for the first time in seven years. The Lakers are on a roll as they face

Utah starting Saturday. They won 22 of their final 25 regular-season games. In the playoffs, they eliminated Portland in four games and the Sonics in five.

"We're kind of upset," said Nick Van Exel, a Laker guard, "because we have so many days off. We don't want to relax

and let up."

After losing Game 1 of the series by 14 points, the Lakers beat Seattle by 24, 16, 12 and 15 points.

The Lakers missed only four of 19 shots in the first quarter Tuesday in taking two leads of 18 points. They were shooting 74 percent at halftime (23-of-31) and did not let Seattle get any closer (than seven points in the fourth quarter. Shaquille O'Neal had 31 points, 9 rebounds, 8 blocked shots and 4 assists for the Lakers.

For Seattle, Vin Baker had a career 28 points, and Gary Payton added 20.



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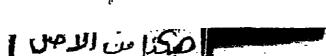
SOCCER TRAINING -- Fabien Barthez, a goalie in France's World Cup

squad, pausing Wednesday during high-altitude training in Tignes, France.

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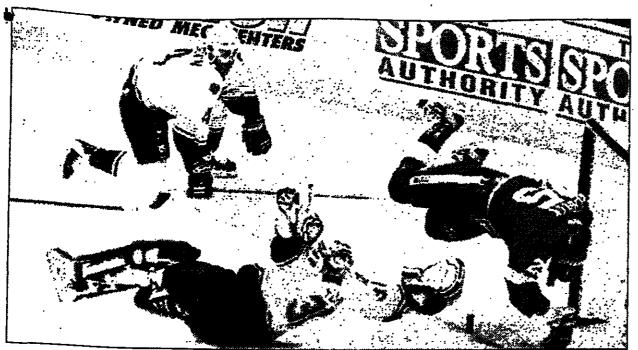
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The Wings' Darren McCarty crashing into the goal post after colliding with the Blues' goalie, Grant Fuhr.

• Wings Fend Off Blues in Double OT

By Helene Ellion Les Angeles Times Service

LOUIS - There were comebacks within comebacks, so many dramatic events that they almost blurred into one frenetic wave of emotion.

On the night that a St. Louis Blues defenseman, Chris Pronger, returned from a frightening incident of cardiac arrhythmia to a roaring ovation at the Kiel Center, it was the Detroit Red Wings who had one more rally in them. And that was enough to give them a 3-2 victory on Tuesday in double overtime and a 2-1 lead in the teams' Western Conference semifinal series.

It's nice to be appreciated and loved, but it's a tough day right now," said Pronger, who blacked out Sunday after being hit in the chest by a puck and was hospitalized overnight in Detroit. He had worn a heart monitor for the previous 24 hours and was cleared to play by club physicians only an hour before game time.

Al MacInnis, who returned from a two-game absence caused by a pulled groin muscle, scored both St. Louis goals — the second a blast from the red such fo line that skipped past the Detroit goalie, the net.

Chris Osgood, with 54.4 seconds left in regulation. Brendan Shanahan scored

the game-winner for Detroit. Tuesday represented a comeback of sorts for Shanahan, too. Back in the city that had adored him for four years before he was traded to Hartford for Pronger, he silenced the capacity crowd of 20.621 when he took a clever back-

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hand pass from Igor Larionov and ripped a wrist shot past Grant Fuhr at 11:12 of the second sudden-death

MacInnis kept the Blues in a game they hardly deserved to be in, so thoroughly were they outplayed. Fuhr, playing well despite the loss, was credited with 42 saves, including 10 in the first overtime period.

Detroit scored first, 3:10 into the game when Darren McCarty unleashed a shot that eluded Fuhr.

MacInnis brought the Blues even at 15 of the first period. On a power play, MacInnis, standing about 15 feet in from the blue line, ripped a shot with such force that it rocketed back out of

The line of Vyacheslav Kozlov, Sergei Fedorov and Tomas Holmstrom has been the Red Wings' most productive in the playoffs, and the trio retained that distinction when Holmstrom scored at 1:36 of the second period to give Detroit a 2-1 lead.

MacInnis's second goal was the most unlikely. He shot the puck on goal from the red line instead of just dumping it into the zone. The puck took an unexpected hop on its way to the net and handcuffed Osgood, slipping between his glove and his body.

The Red Wings were nearly beaten at 9:49 of overtime, however, when another long shot - this one by Craig Conroy — got past Osgood. But the puck hit the left post, skimmed the goal line before striking Osgood's stick and caroming out.

The Associated Press reported: Sabres 5, Canadiens 4 In Montreal Michael Peca scored at 1:24 of the second overtime to give Buffalo a victory and a commanding 3-0 lead in its best-of-7 series. Dixon Ward grabbed control of the puck in the left circle and found Peca alone between the two circles. Peca took a hard slap shot that beat Jose Theodore to the glove side.

Everybody in the Pool: Cubs Win

Mark Grace went deep, becoming the first player to hit a home run into the swimming pool beyond the right-center field fence at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix and sending fans in swimsuits splashing for the souvenir.

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Grace also drew a bases-loaded walk in the ninth inning that lifted the Chicago Cubs over Arizona, 7-6, Tuesday

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night. He hit a drive about 390 feet into the pool for a home run in the sixth inning. Rather than keep the wet ball, a fan threw it back onto the field.

In the ninth, Felix Rodriguez (0-2) retired the first two Cubs batters before walking four in a row.

Cardinals 6, Browers 5 Mark McGwire went deep, too. He hit the longest home run in the 32-year history of Busch Stadium in St. Louis, a 527-foot drive over

the left-field scoreboard.

Delino DeShields singled home the winning run in the 10th inning. Jeff Cirillo hit a two-run homer in the

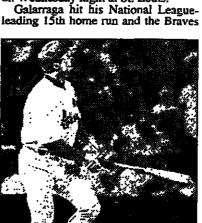
ninth, tying it for Milwaukee at 5-5. McGwire's three-run homer, his 14th, broke his own stadium record, set with a 517-foot drive last September. The longest home run of his career was measured at 538 feet last June for Oakland.

Braves 5, Rods 1 Atlanta also went deep, for the 24th game in a row. The

Braves tied a National League record for consecutive games with a homer.

Andres Galarraga's shot in the eighth inning enabled Atlanta to match the mark of the 1953 Brooklyn Dodgers. The Braves can tie the major league record of 25, shared by the 1941 New York Yankees and 1994 Detroit Tigers,

on Wednesday night at St. Louis.



Mark McGwire watching the flight of his record-long home run. bench celebrated. He admitted that Atlanta was swinging for the fences and the record after it got ahead, 3-1, in the

fifth inning.

John Smoltz (4-0) beat Cincinnati for the eighth successive time. He allowed four hits and struck out six in eight innings. He also singled and scored, and threw out a runner at home after backing.

up the plate. Phillies 5, Dodgers 3 In a game that was delayed by rain for two and a half hours at Dodger Stadium and ended at 12:38 A.M., Philadelphia rallied for its

sixth straight victory.

Mark Lewis hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the eighth inning — moments after the end of a 91-minute rain delay.

Astros 4, Marlins 2 Derek Bell and Craig Biggio homered and Moises Alou went 3 for 3 against his former team as Houston beat visiting Florida for its fourth straight victory.

Pirates 6, Rockies 0 Esteban Logiza won for the first time since April 8 and Kevin Young drove in three runs with three hits as Pittsburgh beat visiting Colorado.

 A pair of games were rained out — New York at San Diego and Montreal at San Francisco. The Padres were postponed at San Diego for the first time since April 20, 1983, a span of 1,172 home dates without a washout. The Mets were rained out for the eighth time

Rare Rally in 9th Lifts the Mariners

Ken Griffey wouldn't come out of the game, and the Seattle Mariners

wouldn't be denied. Down to their last out after being held

to one hit for the first 83/3 innings by

AL ROUNDUP

Justin Thompson, the Mariners rallied for three runs on Tuesday night for a 4-2 victory over the Tigers in Detroit.

The triumph, Seattle's first this season when trailing after eight innings, nudged the Mariners a game over .500 for the first time this season.

Thompson retired the first 18 batters he faced and had a 2-1 lead in the ninth when Rich Amaral singled with two outs and Griffey beat out an infield hit

Griffey, who injured his leg in a col-

lision with an umpire, Rich Garcia, at home plate recently, pulled up at first in pain but stayed in the game after being checked by a trainer. He then scored the go-ahead run from first behind Amaral when David Segui doubled off the leftfield wall.

Devil Rays 6, Indians 5 In St. Petersburg, Florida, Kevin Stocker won the game with a two-run homer in the bottom of the 14th.

The Devil Rays blew a four-run lead and then fell behind, 5-4, in the 14th when Kenny Lofton tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Manny Ramirez.

Rangers 6, Red Sox 3 Aaron Sele (6-2) beat his former teammates for the first time and Tom Goodwin's two-run homer highlighted a six-run second for the host Rangers. Sele stranded seven Boston runners over the first four inYankees 3, Royals 2 In New York, Bernie Williams homered for the first time this season and David Wells (4-1) pitched eight strong innings.
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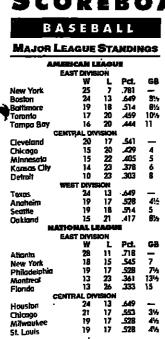
manager, Joe Torre, after blowing a 9-0 lead in his last start, allowed five hits, walked one and struck out-nine. Blue Jays 4, Athletics 3 in Toronto,

Jose Canseco beat his former team by homering to lead off the bottom of the 10th. Canseco played for Oakland from 1985 to 1992 and again last season.

White Sox 5, Angels 2 In Chicago, Albert Belle hit a two-run homer and the White Sox won despite hitting into six double plays.

Twins 7, Orioles 4 In Minneapolis, the Twins broke out of an offensive slump with 13 hits, including Alex Ochoa's tie-breaking two-run homer in the sev-

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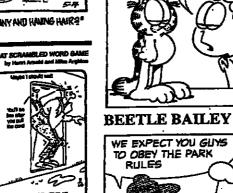
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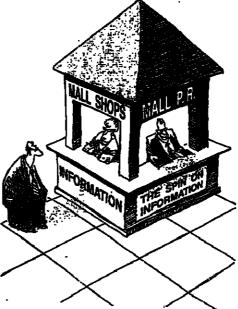
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WASHINGTON -- After art. I showed it to everyone in the Internal Revenue the office to illustrate what a Service hearings in Congress, tax form should look like. Unthe IRS has promised to fortunately, you forgot to enchange its attitude toward close a check for \$50,000 taxpayers. In the past the with it. It's embarrassing to agents have been noted for ask you, but when were you beating people over the head planning on sending it?" and putting burning matches between their toes.

But the new commissioner has promised that his people certainly come first."

use the . carrot instead of the stick. This is what you can expect when you receive a call from the IRS:

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O.K., I guess." 'I received your return the other day, and it was a work of

Louvre Offers Reward For Stolen Painting

New York Times Service \mathbf{P}^{ARIS} — The Society of the Friends of the Louvre has posted a reward of 100,000 francs — about \$16,000 — for the return of the Camille Corot painting that was stolen from the museum on May 3.

would go to anyone with in- After all, you earned your formation leading to the painting. "The Sevres Road," and to think we're unfair just benoted that a similar offer cause we want our share. played a role in the recovery of the "Mona Lisa" after its theft thing that you feel is reasonfrom the Louvre in 1911.

The money was paid three years later to Alfredo Geri, an antique dealer, who directed the police to an Italian nationonardo's masterpiece to Italy.

"I have no idea. I have to pay Visa and MasterCard or they'll cancel me, and they

Right you are. Is there any chance you could pay us next year just to keep our books in order?"

"That's asking an awful lot. I sent a nice check last year. How often do you want to dun me?'

"Last year's check was last year - and don't think it wasn't appreciated -- but we would consider it an honor if

"Well, if you want to know the truth. I lost the money in

Atlantic City."

"Why didn't you say so? This makes you a special case, and we can work something out with our Hard Luck Division. Would you like to pay us \$200 a month?

'How about \$100?' 'My wife spends a hundred dollars a month at the hairdresser.'

"I wish we could come to an agreement. Our job here at The society said the money the IRS is to make you happy. How about this. Send any-

Maybe I will and maybe I

'More than that we cannot ask. It's been wonderful talkalist who wanted to return Le- ing to you. By the way, did you get the flowers we sent?

After the 'Seinfeld Industrial Complex,' What?

By James Barron New York Times Service

TEW YORK — The magazine that has rented Bill Nikolakis's place for a party Thursday night wants to rip out the plastic-topped tables and the vinyl benches and hang big TV monitors from the ceiling. You got a problem with that? Yes, he does, "We tell them, you

take them out, you put them back,' said Nikolakis, an owner of Tom's Restaurant on the Upper West Side, the coffee shop with the blue-andpink neon sign that the sitcom Seinfeld made famous. "We want the store to open on Friday

morning."
Nikolakis is betting that there will be life after "Seinfeld." The rest of the world, it seems, is betting against him. For this is the week when the obsessive-compulsive stand-up comic, his whiny pals and their \$56,000-a-second ramblings are being celebrated, venerated and widely debated at everything from historical-society seminars to comedy-club routines. After all, this is the week when the quintessentially self-involved quartet from "Sein-

feld" goes the way of the barroom busybodies on "Cheers" and the medics on "M*A*S*H." For a show that was supposedly about nothing, something is going on — part television network hype. part genuine pop-cultural phenom-enon. The Seinfeld industrial complex," as the media sociologist Todd Gitlin calls it. has accelerated into overdrive as the broadcast of the final episode on Thursday ap-

'The enormity of the buzz is interesting." he said. "It was more than 30 years ago that Daniel Boorstin wrote The Image' and talked about pseudo-events. This is one in spades." In the 1990s, he "pseudo-events" automaticbecome the glue of the month" binding the nation togeth-

For network number-crunchers, the big question is whether the last

proach the finale of "M*A*S*H" in 1983, when the vast majority of viewers were tuned in, in the days before cable offered dozens of oth-

Maybe it will, maybe it won't, but it will be hard to miss. It will be projected on the side of a building in St. Louis. It will be shown in the Boston bar that was the model for the one in "Cheers," the sitcom that used to fill the "Seinfeld" time

"Seinfeld" has already been analyzed by Jungians and Freudians. "I've never felt this kind of emotional tie to a show before," said Harris Stratyner, who was the moderator of a panel discussion at New York Hospital's psychiatric division in White Plains on Monday night. The historians took their shot at

the show on Tuesday night, at the New York Historical Society. "It draws on expectations of New York as a place of sophistication and a place where people are alienated from each other, borrowing in a way from Woody Allen," said the moderator, Grady Turner.

If anything, though, they came late to the rush to capitalize on 'Seinfeld." The real Soup Nazi struck a deal months ago to appear on a home-shopping cable channel. The man who claims to be the real Costanza (and whose first name is Mike, not George) rushed his autobiography into print last week. And the real Kenny Kramer's tours of Seinfeld's New York are booked

"Whoever thought Jerry Seinfeld quitting TV would be the biggest bonanza in my industry?" Kramer shouted as he stepped off a tour bus outside the Empire State Building last week.

Who else saw the publicity po-tential in "Seinfeld"? The Yankees. The team hired Wayne Knight, who played the postal worker Newman, to throw out the opening pitch on Wednesday night Liz Sheridan, for another. Miss Sheridan, who played Seinfeld's mother, was flown to New York for episode of "Seinfeld" will ap- a Mother's Day promotion by the the millennium," said Knight, who chiatrists on Stratyner's panel was



Bill Nikolakis of Tom's: No ''Seinfeld'' mania for him.

parent company of Kentucky Fried hicken, among others.

Maxim, the upstart men's magazine that rented Nikolakis's restaurant, had plates made with color pictures of Tom's in the center. It sent them out as invitations to

the party. Entertainment Weekly devoted most of its May 4 issue to the show, grading all 168 episodes broadcast so far. It gave several episodes D's, including "The Puerto Rican Day" episode shown last week that was attacked as racist by some viewers. (NBC later apologized, saying it had not intended to offend anyone.)

'It seems that people are mak-

sounded bewildered by all the interest, even as he prepared for ap-pearances on "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee" and "Late Show

With David Letterman. People are preparing for life with-out new episodes of Kramer's getrich-quick schemes by organizing Kramer look-alike contests and Seinfeld" menus based on dishes consumed on camera. A Denver restaurant has put "Fusilli Jerry" on the Thursday night menu, commemorating an episode broadcast in April 1995 that showed Kramer making "penne Bette" for the guest star that week, Bette Midler.

There are some Seinophobes out ing this as significant an event as there, of course. One of the psy-

Richard McCarthy, an assistant clinical professor at Cornell University Medical School who described himself as "the door whitemale bearded psychiatrist who doesn't get it."

"I never feel compelled to watch the show to its end, he said. Typically, I'm a TV-abolic, but not with this show. I came to the

any of these characters." But he has a bigger problem with the show. "I actually don't think that it's funny," he said.

conclusion that I don't care about

As success in television always does, however. "Seinfeld" came to be about money. The "Seinfeld" audience - yuppies with disposable incomes - made it one of the highest-priced series on television Ad executives say that 30 seconds of time on the finale will cost \$1.5 to \$1.7 million, which would beat the record set for the Super Bowt in January by \$200,000 to \$400,000

"Seinfeld" has also been a longrunning bonanza for local stations. whose ad rates are tied to the popularity of network programming in New York, WNBC-TV has been charging more for its commercial Thursday evenings than for commercials shown on other nights of the week And WHDH-TV, the NBC affiliate in Boston, raised its rates for Thursday night

"We're not happy to see Seinfeld go, of course, 'said Ro Dooley, the station's public relations director. But not too sad. "When 'Cheers' went off the air, everyone felt, 'Oh' my gosh, we're losing the staple, she said. 'And that was when 'Seinfeld' was introduced. You never know what the breakaway hit will be. But there will be one."

As for Nikolakis, he is dreading the dismanding of the booths in his restaurant. No "Seinfeld" mania for him: He sounds annoyed at having to work on his day off, and probably would not tune in if he were free.

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"My wife doesn't like it that much," he explained, standing behind the 1960s cash register at the front counter. 'She says, 'Only put



the stage at the Berwald Concert Hall in Stockholm, each received a cash prize of 1 million kronor (\$130,000). "It is the greatest day of my life," said Charles, 67, known for his rhythm-and-blues songs and jazz-influenced music. Shankar, the 78-year-old Indian composer who made the sitar a household word in the West, said he would use his prize money to support promising musicians and preserve old Indian music. The prize was endowed by Stikkan Anderson, whose Polar Record Co. released the Swedish pop group ABBA's hits in the 1970s and 1980s. He died in September. Previous winners include Bruce Springsteen, Joni Mitchell, Mstislav

A 25-year-old pre-law student from Trinidad and Tobago has been named Miss Universe. Wendy Fitzwilliam, who succeeded Brook Mahealani Lee of Hawaii, won more than \$200,000 in cash and prizes.

Elton John has decided to split from his friend and manager of 27 years, the Evening Standard reported. The split was decided Monday at the height of a dispute between the singer and the manager, John Reid. Reid is credited with turning the King Carl Gustaf with Ray Charles and Ravi Shankar. young singer Reginald Dwight into Elton John, a world

THE veteran musicians Ray Charles and Ravi Shankar renowned performer with gold disks and a knighthood for have received the 1998 Polar Music Prize from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden. The two musicians, who shared firm the report.

renowned performer with gold disks and a knighthood for services to charity. John's record company declined to competing on all levels now" with network television. King firm the report.

PEOPLE

A self-portrait by Andy Warhol sold at Christie's New York for \$2.4 million, the highest auction price ever paid for a self-portrait by the Pop artist, the auction house said. The portrait was based on a 1966 photograph of the artist, who enlarged it into a photo silk-screen and printed versions of it in a combination of colors. Other versions hang in London's Tate Gallery and in the Museum of Modern Art in San Francisco.

opened at the Gate Theatre in Dublin, with Frances Mc-Dormand as Blanche DuBois. McDormand, the Oscar-winning star of "Fargo," who won a Tony nomination a decade ago opposite Blythe Danner's Blanche in a Circle in the Square revival in New York of "Streetcar," earned mostly fine reviews, with some dissents, for her Dublin outing. The role of Stanley is played by Liam Cunningham, and Mitch by John Kavanagh.

Larry King, CNN's star talk-show host, has signed a new contract with the news network for \$7 million a year, The New . Wally," claimed they had been stolen from their relatives by York Times reported. King said the five-year contract, which the Nazis more than half a century ago.

\$200,000 a year.

The rock group R.E.M. has earned an award for its concern for historic buildings in Athens, Georgia. The Student Historic Preservation Organization of the University of Georgia presented the bassist Mike Mills with a plaque and a piece of plaster molding from the school's Demonsthenian Hall, which was built in 1824.

in New York may return two paintings to a foundation in Vienna that lent it the works, despite allegations that they were stolen by the Nazis. In a case that has alarmed the art world, District Attorney Robert Morgenthan had issued a subpoena barring the museum from sending the borrowed paintings, both by the artist Egon Schiele, back to the Leopold Foundation of Vienna. A New York State Supreme Count judge quashed the subpoena, but granted a two-week stay to give the district attorney's office time to decide whether it would appeal. Morgenthau acted after the families of previous owners of the two works, "Dead City III" and "Portrait of



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